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JAPAN LEFT IN NO DOUBT OF BRITAIN'S INTENTIONS: CHURCHILL TO EXAMINE THE FAR EAST SITUATION

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, BRITAIN'S PRIME MINISTER, WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS SHORTLY, STATES A MESSAGE FROM SYDNEY.

AFTER THE BRITISH WARNING TO JAPAN OF THE DANGER OF INVOLVING HERSELF IN ANY FORWARD DRIVE IN THE PACIFIC THAT WILL MENACE BRITISH POSSESSIONS AND INTERESTS IN THAT REGION, THE JAPANESE ARE LEFT IN NO DOUBT OF BRITAIN'S INTENTIONS.

MR. CHURCHILL, when he handed the JAPANESE AMBASSADOR IN LONDON a reply to the message addressed by MR. MATSUOKA, the Japanese Foreign Minister, to MR. ANTHONY EDEN, explained why the Australian Imperial Forces had been landed in Singapore.

It was, Mr. Churchill told Mr. Shigemitsu, A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE AND WAS NOT DONE WITH THE INTENTION OF ATTACKING JAPAN.

MAJORITY OF U.S. OPINION AGAINST JAPAN

A referendum taken in the United States shows that the majority of Americans are against Japan, states a message from Saigon.

In reply to a question: Shall the United States take steps to prevent Japan continuing her southward expansion? 56 per cent, answered in the affirmative, 24 per cent. in the negative and 20 per cent. were undecided.—(Special)

Japanese circles are stated to be well satisfied with the reply given to Mr. Matsuoka and with the result of the interview which their Ambassador had with the Prime Minister.

In the meanwhile, the Sydney message also added, French Army leave in INDO-CHINA has been cancelled and French warships are reported to be patrolling the waters in the neighbourhood.

In BATAVIA, a series of black-outs were started yesterday and will be continued until midnight on Friday.

The Australian Minister of Information has made arrangements to send a camera unit to Singapore to improve the news services to Australian troops stationed there.—(Special)

50-50 CHANCE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Well-informed opinion here considers there is still a 50-50 chance of serious trouble developing in the Pacific.

America has recently become very Singapore-conscious. It is realised that if Singapore falls, American supplies of tin, rubber and tungsten would be imperilled and this brings the nation's security more directly into the picture.

The crux of the situation appears to be whether Tokyo yet realises the importance America has come to place on Singapore and the N.E.I. and whether she will assume the American Fleet will remain immobile in Hawaii no matter what happens.

NOT NAZI PLANS

A Japanese statesman slightly disoriented is seen by Mr. Matsuoka's embarrassment with Germany over his offer to mediate in anything and anywhere, which was obviously not according to German plans, and which appears to support the theory the Japanese policy is still opportunist rather than a part of the detailed Axis plan.

One fact is regarded here as significant that belligerent Japanese forces have lately been in all military and navy and which would have bear the brunt of fighting in any southward adventure, have lately been remarkable silent.

EDEN INTERVIEW

TOKYO, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—"We are considering publishing the text of the memorandum," Mr. Koh Ishii, deputy spokesman of the Japanese Board of Information, said when asked when the memorandum sent by Mr. Matsuoka to Mr. Anthony Eden would be published.

The interview between Mr. Eden and Mr. Shigemitsu, Japanese Ambassador, could not be published without Mr. Eden's consent, Mr. Ishii said.

FOUR-POWER ALLIANCE

HONGKONG, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The formation of a four-Power alliance in the Pacific, comprising Britain, the United States, Australia and the Dutch East Indies, is proposed by the influential Chinese daily, TAKUNGPAO, which points out that in mutual interest, these four Pacific Powers must combine to preserve their possessions, rights and interests in the Pacific.

FRUITFUL INTERVIEW

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns from well-informed Japanese circles here that the interview between the Japanese Ambassador and the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, yesterday was very fruitful and should greatly contribute to the dissipation of certain misunderstandings that have arisen between the two countries.

EXTRAVAGANT CLAIM BY HITLER OF BRITISH MERCANTILE LOSSES

Exaggeration Assessed By Official Figures

LONDON, Feb. 25 (British Wireless).—HERR HITLER'S BOAST IN HIS SPEECH YESTERDAY OF THE SINKING OF 215,000 TONS OF BRITISH SHIPPING IS DESCRIBED IN AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES AS BEING FAR REMOVED FROM THE TRUTH. So far as is known in London there is nothing whatever in this extravagant claim.

Such exaggeration may be properly assessed by figures now issued for mercantile losses, due to enemy action, for the week ending midnight Feb. 16 which total 12 SHIPS of 37,636 tons, comprising 11 BRITISH, of a total of 32,464 tons, and ONE ALLIED ship of 5,172 tons.

The German claim on this occasion—there was no Italian claim this week—reached the huge figure of 185,000 tons of merchant shipping sunk. The week's losses include five vessels—four British and one allied—totalling 23,986 tons known to have been sunk by a raider which attacked a convoy off Azores on Feb. 12.

CONVOY CLAIM

Following its usual practice of making announcements and claims before there has been any opportunity to check the facts, the German High Command announced on Feb. 14 that in this attack a German raider had sunk 14 ships totalling about 82,000 tons. The facts are that of 19 ships in convoy 10 are known to be safe and four others—three British and one allied—totalling 19,698 tons are not yet overdue.

CLEANING UP OPERATIONS IN GELIB AREA

LONDON, Feb. 25 (BWS).—A Nairobi communique states, "Western African troops yesterday captured Brava which is a port 160 miles north of Kismayu. Cleaning up operations are continuing in the Gelib area where yesterday our South African troops rounded up a party of enemy who have been stranded in the bush."

"On the northern sector, a company of Abyssinian irregulars has captured British and Italian Moyale, and the South African troops have now taken over this area. By the capture of Moyale, which was lost by us in July last year, Italian troops have also been ejected from British territory."

OTTAWA, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Premier, stated that at the time of his death, Sir Frederick Banting was proceeding to Britain on a mission of "high national scientific importance."

Today's News Summary

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WHEN THE JAPANESE Ambassador in London visited Mr. Churchill, Prime Minister, he was handed the reply to the recent message addressed to the Foreign Secretary in which Mr. Matsuoka made incidental reference to the possibility of a wider peace without making any specific offer of mediation.

THERE IS LITTLE NEWS concerning the situation in Bulgaria in particular and the Balkans in general. It is reported that the British Minister in Sofia is preparing to leave but this report lacks confirmation in London.

SPEAKING IN LONDON yesterday, the Secretary for Air, Sir Archibald Sinclair, reviewed the work of the Royal Air Force in which he quoted Lord Trenchard's slogan of the last war, "Hit the Germans in Germany."

IN THE AFRICAN WAR, cleaning up operations are proceeding in the Gelib area, it is reported. West African troops have captured Brava.

Wide Review Of Work Of The R.A.F.

A wide review of the work of the Royal Air Force was given by Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary for Air, in London yesterday, states a London message. He quoted Lord Trenchard's slogan of the last war, "HIT THE GERMANS IN GERMANY."

Sir Archibald said that they grudgingly every bomb that was dropped in Norway, Denmark or Holland but were determined to let as many of them as they wish fall on Germany.

The Air Secretary quoted a letter from a Frenchman who lived near an aerodrome in Paris congratulating the R.A.F. on the precision of their bombing. He said he saw the Germans carrying away the wreckage of 14 planes.

The Air Minister, turning to Africa, said that at first he had misgivings about air operations there because Italians outnumbered the British by four to one. Today, however, the operations in that area were being conducted not so much against the Italians as against the Germans.

In East Africa the story was the same and the work of the air squadrons had proved of great use to land forces.

Sir Archibald paid a tribute to the people of Malta.

SEVERELY TESTED
The R.A.F. and the Fleet Air Arm had been severely tested but they had driven back the Germans and Italians time and again.

Sir Archibald next referred to the work of air squadrons in Greece which, in co-operation with the Greek Air Force, had done much damage to the Italian land and air strength.

After referring to the combined effects of the R.A.F., the Australian Air Force, the South African Air Force and the Rhodesian Air Force, Sir Archibald said that he wished to make in quite clear that in the African and Greek campaigns more than 1,000 Italian aircraft had been destroyed apart from German losses.

ENDURANCE AND SKILL
Referring to German air raids on Britain, the Air Minister said that the British fighters had shown qualities of endurance and skill and that in the raids over Germany British bombers had done greater injury to the war plants of Germany and Italy than they had done in Britain.

NEED FOR FAST WORK
The speaker next referred to the short time that usually elapsed before these communique were published and that it was usually necessary to have them ready by 7.30 in the morning.

"When you think that the last of the German bombers may hardly have left the country by that time, you will realise that we must work fast."

"I wonder how much you realise what we owe to you all for the accuracy of our reports. Then there is the fact that no news of any importance must reach the enemy after these raids. We are not frightened of the truth, but we do know that when vital news is published it will help the Germans and it is therefore necessary that no vital information should reach them."

SOME REASONS

"You may ask why this information is considered vital. One of the reasons is that we refer to a town in the north-west or the Channel coast, because many of

Britain's Air Strength Now Equal To Any Emergency

British strength in the air is equal to any emergency, according to a statement by a British military spokesman, quoted in a message from Sydney.

The spokesman said that there was no doubt that the German air offensive would be on a huge scale, despite the fact that a large part of the German air force had been sent to the Near East.

The same spokesman attributed the Italian air failure to the inability of the Italians to mobilise their planes.

WOMEN FOR AIR FORCE
The Sydney message also announced that qualified women radio and tele-printers are to be enrolled in the Australian Air Force. They will be given special training to equip them for service life.—(Special)

AUSTRALIAN W.A.A.F.

A women's R.A.F. auxiliary is to be formed in Australia and will correspond to Britain's famous W.A.A.F., states a London message.—(Special)

Sir Archibald concluded by stating that the Air Ministry and the Ministry of Aircraft Production were combining to find methods to defeat night bombers. "The people of this country will not suffer alone," he said, "and blows will fall harder and faster on the enemy."—(Special)

VALUE OF VITAL NEWS:

WHY BRITISH AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE DO NOT GIVE INFORMATION

A SQUADRON LEADER OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, whose work is to prepare communique for the Air Ministry, broadcast yesterday from London on the reasons which made it necessary to make this information appear somewhat vague and indefinite.

"Don't get angry," he said, "if we describe raids in your area as slight. The word is chosen because in some other part of the country a very heavy raid had taken place and, in comparison the raid in your area was slight."

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GERMAN SYSTEM

"The Germans, of course, have a much simpler system—they just tell lies. They just declare that a particular objective has not been hit."

Britons Advised To Leave Bulgaria

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—No further information, regarding the situation in the Balkans generally, and Bulgaria particularly, has reached London, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

While there is no confirmation in London of the report that the British Minister in Sofia is preparing to leave, it is understood that the Minister has advised all those Britons living in Bulgaria, whose work does not compel them to remain, to leave the country.

Most of them have already left.

The opinion is growing in world political circles that Britain is out-guessing Herr Hitler, states a message from Sydney.

This is particularly indicated as far as the pact between Turkey and Bulgaria is concerned and it is believed that despite German propaganda to the contrary, the effect of this pact will prove another German diplomatic failure.

Mr. Winston Churchill stated yesterday that he was quite certain that Turkey would remain loyal to her obligations.

HITLER READY
In the meantime, the Germans are pushing their preparations in Bulgaria and Rumania and there is no doubt, states the Sydney message, that Hitler is ready to start his great spring offensive in a few days.

The Bulgarians are still hoping that German forces will not enter the country, but declare that they are anxious that if they do, the

Who Won The \$397,600 Prize?

Rumour was current yesterday that the 1st prize of \$397,600 on the Rooty-Hill Derby had been won by Chinese employees in the Hong-kong and Shanghai Bank.

It was also strongly rumoured that the prize was won by an Indian chauffeur, the second prize by a Russian bakery syndicate and the third by conductors employed by the Kowloon Motor Bus Company.

The second prize is worth \$113,600 and the third \$58,800.

It is also learned that a Portuguese gentleman, had the great luck of drawing two starters thereby being the richer by \$4,507.94!

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941.

Postponed to:—

Fourth Day—Tuesday,

25th February

Fifth Day—Saturday,

1st March

On Tuesday, 25th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fifth race on the fourth day.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th Feb., 1941.

FIREWOOD PRICE FIXED

An order made by the Stores Controller, Mr. W. J. Anderson, and published in a Government Gazette Extraordinary yesterday, fixed the maximum retail price of firewood at 40 cents to a dollar.

MR. TREVERTON WINS LADIES' PURSE TO CAUSE FIRST MAJOR UPSET ON THE FOURTH DAY AT VALLEY

All Favourites Defeated In Jockey Cup Race

CONFUSION BAY CHAMPION PONY

MR. G. TREVERTON caused the first major upset yesterday, the Fourth Day of the Annual Race Carnival, when, after an exceedingly well-timed and well-hidden race, he piloted his pony, BRUTUS, in to win the LADIES' PURSE three lengths ahead of the third favourite, Springhurst. Out of 5,064 tickets sold on the "win" pari-mutuel only \$45 were placed on Brutus, and 2545 were carried by Piccadilly Jim which was not even placed.

Connieher, ridden by Mr. H. S. Chang, came in third and paid \$94.20 on each of the 57 placed tickets.

After the last race of the "morning session," Mr. Treverton was presented with the Ladies' Purse by Miss Joan Smalley who was introduced to him by Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Chairman of the Stewards. The happy owner-jockey presented Miss Smalley with a beautiful bouquet and proudly escorted her to tiffin in Str Vandeulver Grayburn's box.

Without giving punters time to recover from the shock, MR. T. W. CHATEY created another sensation when he skillfully rode the much-neglected, in both sides of the pari-mutuel GLADIATOR, first passed the winning-post, half-a-length in front of Potentate with Galveston Bay another three lengths behind, to pay the highest win dividend of the day—\$102.70.

BIGGEST PAY-OUT

The defeat of all the favourites—EVE OF FOLLY, EMERGENCY UNIT and JANE DOE, which carried between them 2636 winning tickets out of a total of 4240—resulted in the biggest pay-out of the meeting so far, namely, \$38.70 for first place, \$32.40 for second, and \$128.20 for third.

The Clerk of the weather was far from kind, yesterday which resulted in a considerably smaller attendance than that on Monday. Frequent drizzle, with one or two fairly heavy showers, and an over-cast sky made things fairly uncomfortable for those who attended.

This discomfort was, however, to a great extent recompensed by the very keen racing and some really exciting finishes.

THE CHAMPIONS

The CHAMPION STAKES was won by T.K.L.'s CONFUSION BAY (Mr. D. Black), with Cire's NAVY-LIGHT (Mr. C. B. Moller) two lengths behind. RACYLIGHT took the lead and maintained it so well that it looked, at one time, as if it would run away with the race.

Passing the Rock the second time, Eve of Harvest went up from fourth position but could not pass the leader. Coming into the straight, Confusion Bay spurred and, coming on strongly, passed its other stable-mate, Dupont Bay, Eve of Harvest, and Racylight, but with Navylight hotly on its trails.

O-Lan, the favourite, made a belated spurt and could only just manage to wrest third position from Racylight when the winning post was reached.

The AUSTRALIAN PONIES CHAMPIONS resulted, as predicted by "Last Quarter," Sapper, Distant View, and Viceroy.

MR. W. H. S. DAVIS was contented to allow SAPPER to follow on the heels of DISTANT VIEW from the start to the home run when he urged his mount forward to win by three lengths.

VICEROY, which came in third, maintained its third placing from the start to the Village Bend when it was passed by Fleetwing. Coming into the straight, however, it went up to the third position again and was, from then, never in danger of losing the minor prize.

His Excellency Maj.-Gen. A. E. Grasett was given a great ovation when he led in Mrs. Grasett's Australian champion pony.

The total pool on the Daily Double was \$3,273, and a return of \$18 was made on each of the 480 winning tickets on the MARSH WARBLER-SAPPER combination.

1-Blue Mountains Plate (One Mile)

Mrs. Chuong Ho Yen's Enderavour, 152 lbs. (Mr. C. B. Moller) 1
Sailor The Sinner's Mainsail, 152 lbs. (Mr. S. L. Yuen) 2
Mr. Toole's Surprising Time, 152 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 3

Royal Sovereign was fourth. Won by length and a half, four lengths between second and third. Time 1.48.

Parl Mutuel—
Winner: \$6.20.
Places: \$5.10, \$6.00, \$5.40.
Also ran: Archer 152 lbs (C. L. Gregory); A Rosy Time 144 (Chui Ki-fan); Beauford 147 (F. A. Sequeira); Bendigo 152 (L. B. Chao); Bona Vacantia 152 (M. M. Sokoloff); Daylight 152 (F. Noodt); Fresh Air 149 (V. V. Needa); Jungle Love 149 (S. C. Liang); Luxury 152 (Hoo Pak Ming); Newborn Star 152 (B. L. Tao); Reindeer 152 (Tang Man Wa); Royal Sovereign 152 (P. F. Botelho); Senorita 144 (R. M. Wood); Spitfire 149 (Ho Hong Ping).
17 Starters.

Betting	Win. Place.
Archer	1 7
A Rosy Time	1 2
A Surprising Time	363 445
Beauford	1 2
Bendigo	20 38
Bona Vacantia	32 106
Daylight	2 18
Endeavour	1,775 1,706
Fresh Air	132 152
Jungle Love	2 2
Luxury	1 1
Mainsail	98 182
Newborn Star	43 75
Reindeer	1 2
Royal Sovereign	7 22
Senorita	1 6
Spitfire	1 1
Total	2,493 2,767

2-Grand Stand Stakes (Six Furlongs)

Mr. Marber's Falber, 152 lbs. (Mr. L. B. Chao) 1
Mr. Collene's Sam's Choice, 149 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 2
Kong Bros' Wonderful Scheme, 152 lbs. (Mr. M. M. Sokoloff) 3
Iron Beauty was fourth. Won by a length, the same between second and third. Time 1.26.
Parl Mutuel—
Winner: \$8.00.
Places: \$5.20, \$5.50, \$5.80.
Also ran: Beautylight 152 lbs. (F. Noodt); Eve of Deception 152 (A. D. Coppin); Eve of Paradise 152 (R. M. Wood); Forty Six 152 (Ho Hong Ping); Iron Beauty 152 (S. C. Liang); Night Express 152 (Ip Kui Ying).
9 Starters.

Betting	Win. Place.
Beautylight	385 257
Eve of Deception	31 41
Eve of Paradise	8 13
Forty Six	1 7
Iron Beauty	198 175
Night Express	19 28
Palmer	1,554 1,514
Sam's Choice	391 603
Wonderful Scheme	297 333
Total	2,984 2,971

3-Ladies' Purse (Two Miles)

Mr. G. Treverton's Brutus, 135 lbs. (Mr. G. Treverton) 1
Mr. Billy's Springhurst, 149 lbs. (Mr. W. G. Poy) 2
Mr. Marber's Connieher, 149 lbs. (Mr. H. S. Chang) 3
Won by three lengths, half a length between second and third. Time: 3.514.
Parl Mutuel—
Winner: \$44.70.
Places: \$21.80, \$23.10, \$94.20.
Also ran: A Roaring Time 147 (P. F. Botelho); Busylight 147 (C. B. Moller); Devonian 142 (D. Black); Piccadilly Jim 150 (L. B. Chao); Triumphant Day 142 (B. L. Tao); Vixen Tor 157 (F. Noodt).
8 Starters.

Betting	Win. Place.
A Roaring Time	15 24
Brutus	345 306
Busylight	265 198
Connieher	80 57
Devonian	204 265
Piccadilly Jim	2,545 1,909
Springhurst	417 281

SIX WINNERS

In yesterday's (Fourth Day) meeting, "LAST QUARTER" successfully tipped:—

Six winners (Races 2, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 12), and eight places (including Springhurst which paid \$23.10).

Nine of the ponies "tipped" did not go to the starting post.

Triumphant Day	803	855
Vixen Tor	388	284
Total	5,064	4,189

4-Jockey Cup, "C" Class (From the 2 Mile Post Once Round & In (About 1 Mile 171 Yards)

Mr. Eve's Gladiator, 145 lbs. (Mr. T. W. Chatey) 1
Mr. Bu Tong Sen's Potentate, 149 lbs. (Mr. Chui Ki-fan) 2
Mr. T.K.L.'s Galveston Bay, 140 lbs. (Mr. W. Yui) 3
Emergency Unit was fourth. Won by half a length, 3 lengths between second and third. Time: 2.13.3.
Parl Mutuel—
Winner: \$102.70.
Places: \$38.70, \$32.40, \$128.20.
Also ran: Advancing Time, 151 lbs. (Hoo Pak Ming); Celtic Star, 135 (R. K. C. Chui); Emergency Unit, 140 (S. W. Lee); Eve of Folly, 159 (R. M. Wood); Guinness Time, 135 (Ho Hong Ping); Jane Doe, 151 (Yeung Ming Kwai); Just in Time, 147 (Li Shui Fan); Rose Evelyn, 143 (Lo Kwong-to); Rose Jane, 152 (A. D. Coppin); Rose-Queen, 135 (F. Sequeira); Silver Wings, 140 (V. da Silva); Taxing Master, 14 (Chanson Feng).
15 Starters.

Betting	Win. Place.
Advancing Time	225 339
Celtic Star	17 42
Emergency Unit	919 828
Eve of Folly	1,215 237
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WAKOOL HANDICAP ENQUIRY

Two notices appeared on the Notice Board at the Jockey Club yesterday afternoon as follows:

SECOND DAY—12TH RACE WAKOOL HANDICAP

The Stewards held a preliminary enquiry into the cause of the accident in the above race, involving the ponies Melody Star and Fair Chance.

The enquiry was adjourned pending further investigation.

FIRST DAY—7TH RACE CORAL HANDICAP

On holding an adjourned enquiry into the cause of the accident in the above race, when Jungle Princess fell at the 7 furlong post the Stewards were satisfied with the explanations given by the jockey.

MEN'S SINGLES (SENIOR)
Byes—P. Wong, D. Kwok, M. P. Yoong, F. Koh, W. Gilles, K. W. Choy; First round—S. Amplanar v P. K. Hool, C. Au v H. C. Eardley.

MEN'S SINGLES (JUNIOR)
Byes—H. S. Jones, P. C. Leung, J. Odell, M. Talan, A. F. Fisher, J. L. Anderson v Ho Wong-toi, Jack Hool v E. Zimmera, P. A. Yvanovich v H. Dingsdale, T. S. Young v J. Tsang; Byes—N. L. Smith, P. Wynter-Blyth, E. Gillespie, A. L. Gordon, D. Chelliah, W. C. Chung.

MEN'S DOUBLES (SENIOR)
First round—F. Kwok and D. Kwok v C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang, J. L. Anderson and W. Gilles v T. Ho and A. C. Cheung, R. M. Talan and N. A. Betrao v M. Talan and J. Odell, P. A. Yvanovich and B. T. Gosano v A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth, C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v Hool and T. B. Teoh; P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu v E. A. Z. Alves and P. F. Botelho, T. S. Young and M. Mrs. Castro.

MEN'S DOUBLES (JUNIOR)
Byes—P. K. Hool and Miss U. Khoo, J. J. Remedios and Mrs. O. Silva; First round—D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson v M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong v H. C. Eardley and Miss Deelma Eardley, E. Zimmera and Mrs. Zimmera v P. Wong and Miss Ribeiro; Byes—J. Odell and Miss J. Choa, S. Amplanar and Miss T. Gonsalves, K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro.

Draw For Badminton Championship

The following is the draw for the Colony Badminton championships:—

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Byes—H. S. Jones, P. C. Leung, J. Odell, M. Talan, A. F. Fisher, J. L. Anderson v Ho Wong-toi, Jack Hool v E. Zimmera, P. A. Yvanovich v H. Dingsdale, T. S. Young v J. Tsang; Byes—N. L. Smith, P. Wynter-Blyth, E. Gillespie, A. L. Gordon, D. Chelliah, W. C. Chung.

MEN'S DOUBLES (SENIOR)
First round—F. Kwok and D. Kwok v C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang, J. L. Anderson and W. Gilles v T. Ho and A. C. Cheung, R. M. Talan and N. A. Betrao v M. Talan and J. Odell, P. A. Yvanovich and B. T. Gosano v A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth, C. C. Pereira and A. E. Xavier v Hool and T. B. Teoh; P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu v E. A. Z. Alves and P. F. Botelho, T. S. Young and M. Mrs. Castro.

MEN'S DOUBLES (JUNIOR)
Byes—P. K. Hool and Miss U. Khoo, J. J. Remedios and Mrs. O. Silva; First round—D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson v M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong v H. C. Eardley and Miss Deelma Eardley, E. Zimmera and Mrs. Zimmera v P. Wong and Miss Ribeiro; Byes—J. Odell and Miss J. Choa, S. Amplanar and Miss T. Gonsalves, K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BADMINTON—"B" Division: Section A. Chung Wah, v. J.R.C. V.R.C. v. Reclato; Section B. St. John's v. Kowloon Tong; K.C.C. v. St. Andrew's.
RUGBY—Blarney Stone Rugby. Seven-a-Side Tournament (Club): 4.50 p.m.
SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Winter Swimming Instructional Classes.

TOMORROW

CHESS.—Colony Chess Championship Tournament, Wells v Carvalho, Zimmer v Sequeira, Karpovich v. Cothead.
SNOOKER.—Garrison League, Engineers "A" v. R.A. Station Mess, R.A.P.C. v. Eng. Sgw. Mess, R.A.M.C. v. Signals "A", Military Police v. Signals Mess.
SWIMMING.—European Y.M.C.A. Winter Swimming Instructional Classes.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28
BADMINTON—"A" Division: University "A" v University "B".

K. Fung v. D. Chelliah and K. H. Khoo; Bye—Peter Lo and J. Tsang.

MIXED DOUBLES
Byes—P. K. Hool and Miss U. Khoo, J. J. Remedios and Mrs. O. Silva; First round—D. Kwok and Mrs. P. Wilson v M. A. Oliveira and Miss M. Silva, E. Gillespie and Miss F. Wong v H. C. Eardley and Miss Deelma Eardley, E. Zimmera and Mrs. Zimmera v P. Wong and Miss Ribeiro; Byes—J. Odell and Miss J. Choa, S. Amplanar and Miss T. Gonsalves, K. W. Choy and Mrs. Castro.

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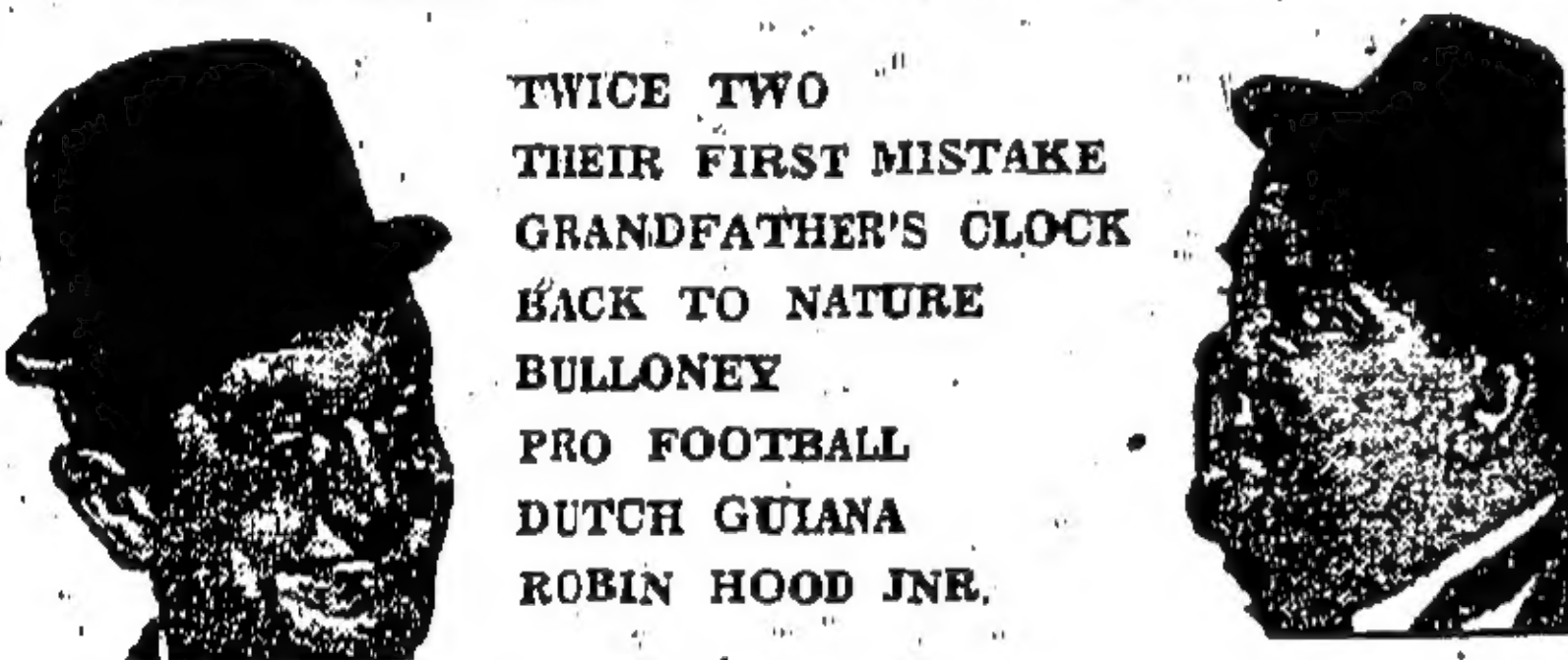
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European Fined \$300 On Driving Charge

Fines totalling \$300 were imposed on E. J. K. Wickstead, a European, in the Traffic Court, Singapore, when he pleaded guilty to two charges of "driving a motor car in so negligent a manner as to endanger the safety of others, and did thereby cause grievous hurt to Lim Kang, and cause hurt to Bank Tee Chee."

Outlining the facts, inspector A. H. Frew said that at about 9.15 p.m. on Jan. 8 last, a motor bus carrying five passengers including a child aged four, was travelling along Telok Blangah Road from Pasir Panjang.

On reaching the junction of Bukit Chermin and Telok Blangah Road the bus conductor, who was standing on the steps behind the bus, signalled the driver to stop as a passenger wanted to alight.

At the moment the bus was slowing down, continued the inspector, it was struck in the rear by the car driven by the accused.

The bus was pushed forward with some degree of force, and on pulling up, the driver got out and found his conductor and the child passenger lying on the road, injured.

BEHIND BUS
"It is suggested that the defendant was travelling at a high speed behind the bus, and that he was unable to pass the bus because of an oncoming vehicle. His speed was such that he was unable to stop without colliding," added Inspector Frew.

Mr. C. H. Whitton, the Traffic Magistrate, fined the defendant

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1.00 Local Time Signal and Wea-

ther Report.

1.03 Derek Oldham (Tenor) and

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Mary, My Mary (Gallie); If I Might

Only Come to You (Squire)—Derek

Oldham (Tenor) with Piano accomp

Bal Masque (Fletcher); Mon Reve

(Waldteufel) — Light Symphony Or-

chestra. Turn Ye to Me (North, arr.

Moffat)—Derek Oldham (Tenor) with

Orchestra. Concert "Waltz—Joyous-

ness" (Haydn Wood); Homage March

(Haydn Wood)—Light Symphony Or-

chestra cond. by Haydn Wood.

1.30 Benter and Rugby Press. Wea-

ther Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Latest Dance Music.

Slow-Gitane — Carmen, Carmela;

Fox-Trot — Danse Gitane—Orchestra

Manolo Dol and His Muchachos. Fox-

Trot — The Breeze and I; Waltz —

When Shall We Two Meet Again —

Sydney Lipton and His Grosvenor

House Dance Orchestra. Slow-Gitane

— Ya No Te Quiero; Paso-Doble —

Coplas — Orchestra Manolo Dol and

His Muchachos. Fox-Trots—Alouette.

School Days—Horace Heidt and His

Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing: Local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.32 A Light French Programme

with Lys Gauty and Maurice Cheva-

lier.

Tzinka Doodle-Do; You Look So

Sweet, Madame (both from The Be-

loved Vagabond)—Maurice Chevalier

(Bartone) with Orchestra. Dis-Moi

Pourquoi (film La Goualeuse); Le

Bonheur Est Entre Dans Mon Coeur

(film La Goualeuse) — Lys Gauty

(Vocal) with Orchestra. La Fille De

Levy; Couches Dans Le Foin—Pills et

Tabet with Piano acc. Valse Musette—

Reve Secret: One Stop — Parade

D'Orléans — L'Accordeoniste Alexander

et son Orchestra. Pigeon Volé—Char-

les Trenet and His Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—From the old

country.

Talk by Robert Donat.

7.30 Eric Coates "Cinderella" Suite

and Songs by Hubert Elsdell.

Come, Sing to Me (Thompson);

Sing Me To Sleep (Gingham and

Greene)—Hubert Elsdell (Tenor) with

Orchestra. Cinderella — A Fantasy

(Eric Coates)—Eric Coates and Sym-

phony Orchestra. Love's Garden of

Roses (Rutherford & Haydn Wood);

Roses of Picardy (Weatherly and

Haydn Wood) — Hubert Elsdell

(Tenor) with Orchestra. Bird Songs

at Eventide (Eric Coates) — Albert

Sandler and His Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal. Weather

Report and Announcements.

8.05 Beethoven—Symphony No. 4

in B Flat Major. Op. 60.

1st Mov: Adagio-Allegro vivace; 2nd

Mov: Adagio; 3rd Mov: Allegro vivace

and Trio; 4th Mov: Allegro ma non

troppo — The B.B.C. Symphony Or-

chestra conducted by Arturo Tos-

cannini.

8.31 Studio — "British Prose Wri-

ters": No. 3: Gibbon.

Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.55 Ellen Joyce (Piano) playing

Liszt's "Liebestraum".

9.00 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay — "Questions of

the Hour".

9.30 Victor Sylvester and His Ball-

room Orchestra.

Tangos — El Payaso Del Corazon

Partido; Le Tuo Carezze. "Quickstep

— Trusting My Luck (film "Selling

Along"); Slow Fox-Trot — Why Talk

About Love? (film "The Joy Parade");

Waltz—Glennie Mae (film "Firefly");

Slow Fox-Trot—Once in a While.

9.45 News in French (on Short

Wave Only).

9.50 Variety.

Descriptive Sketch — Clapham and

Dwyer on Hobbies — Clapham and

Dwyer. Piano — Tagglin' Along with

You—Quickstep; With All My Heart

—Fox-Trot (film "Her Master's Voice")

—Gerry Moore. Vocal — Heart and

Soul (from "A Song is Born")—Con-

Boswell with Orchestra. Guitar Sols

—Pekkin' My Way; Feeling My Way—

Eddie Lanz with Guitar, acc.

Humorous Monologue — The Anti-

Arson Squad (Tilley) — John Tilley

Organ—Blaze Away — March; With

Sword and Lance — March—Reginald

Dixon. Vocal—Yodelling Hobo; The

Sunset Trail — The Hill Billies with

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10.30 London Relay — "Against

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On the 1933 Expedition.

11.00 Close down.

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Sum-
mary 4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.
Transmission V—News Sum-
mary 6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin 7.00 p.m.
do. 9.00 p.m.
do. 12.00 mid-
night

Trans. II & III—News Sum-
mary 7.30 a.m.
Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

Boxing Promoter's Case: Further Evidence

He had known of cases of boxers having four managers in some parts of the world, the boxers receiving only 10 per cent. of the purse, but in this case he had paid Young Frisco 50 per cent.

This was part of the evidence given by Mr. C. M. Houghton under cross-examination at the resumed hearing in the High Court in Singapore of the case in which he is suing Messrs. F. W. Brewer and Mr. Cheong Hock Chye, president and honorary treasurer, respectively, of the Singapore Boxing Board of Control, for the return of a sum of \$1,937 he had deposited with the Board of Control in connexion with a boxing contest which he promoted between Young Frisco and Flashy Sebastian at the Happy World Stadium on May 10 last.

The case is being heard by Mr. Justice A. K. A. Beckett-Terrill and at the end of today's hearing further hearing was postponed until Wednesday next.

Messrs. Brewer and Cheong Hock Chye are defending the action on their own behalf and on behalf of all the other members of the Boxing Board of Control.

RECEIPTS COUNTED

In answer to questions by Dr. C. H. Withers-Payne, who is appearing for the defendants, Mr. Houghton stated that on the night of the fight he went into the Board room and found the gate receipts being counted and ready for payment. The boxers were then called out by Cheong Hock Chye and were paid the money due to them after certain deductions.

When the payments were going on he was sitting at the same table with Mr. Hock Chye. Mr. Brewer was also in the room at

the time. Frisco was called out by a member of the Board and he heard Mr. Hock Chye telling him to go to his office the following morning and that he would be paid there. There was no mention of any advances—even the sum of \$500 was not mentioned.

Witness went on to say that he disclosed to Mr. Hock Chye about Frisco's obligations to him the next morning, but not on the night of the boxing.

Dr. Withers-Payne: If a dispute arose between promoter and boxer is it not the duty of the Board to pay the boxer his full amount?—No.

Continuing Mr. Houghton said that he did not ask for the repayment of his deposit that night.

To another suggestion by counsel that on the night in question Mr. Hock Chye was going to take out the estimated amount due to Frisco out of the gate proceeds, Mr. Houghton replied that he was not entitled to do that.

In answer to another question by counsel Mr. Houghton said that the only reason why Frisco was not paid that night was because Mr. Hock Chye said that he would not pay until he checked the gate receipts.

Mrs. Jennie Adamson, Socialist M.P. for Dartford, is to take over special work relating to the provision of pensions for women and children in need. She has been appointed an additional Parliamentary private secretary to Sir Walter Womersley, Minister of Pensions.

COMING EVENTS

FEB.

26—Tides: High 10.29 a.m. and 9.58

p.m. Low 3.43 a.m. and 3.14 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.47 a.m.; Sunset: 6.26 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.),

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Annual Meeting of H.K. and S'hai

Banking Corporation, noon.

Colony Chess Championship, Penin-

sula Hotel.

Lenten Mission, "The Way of the

Crux," Catholic Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

27—Tides: High 10.53 a.m. and

10.35 p.m. Low 4.13 a.m. and 3.54 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.47 a.m.; Sunset: 6.26 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting,

1 p.m.

H.K. Philatelic Society Meeting,

S.C.M. Post, 5.15 p.m.

Y's Men's Club, St. Francis Hotel,

1 p.m.

Victoria Cheero Club, H.K. Hotel,

5 p.m.

Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Ho-

tel, 5.30 p.m.

Annual Children's Sports, South-

Playground, 2 p.m.

Canton Women's Intl. Club Meet-

ing, H.K. Women's Intl. Clubrooms,

Gloucester Bldg., 3.30 p.m.

28—Tides: High 11.17 a.m. and

11.07 p.m. Low 4.42 a.m. and 4.35 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.46 a.m.; Sunset: 6.27 p.m.

Kowloon Residents' Assn., Annual

Meeting, St. Andrew's Hall, 8 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.),

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12.30 p.m.

Vocal Recital by Y. K. Sae,

NO OFFER OF MEDIATION IN EUROPEAN CONFLICT

PHRASEOLOGY OF MEMORANDUM TO MR. EDEN MISCONSTRUED

TOKYO, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Mr. Matsuoka, Foreign Minister, made a statement in the House of Representatives Committee yesterday on the position relating to the offer of mediation in the European war attributed to him.

He was replying to questions on his recent memorandum to Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Minister of Britain, and to the charge that memorandum was represented by the British as containing Japan's offer to mediate between the warring great Powers.

JAPANESE NAVY & U.S. PACIFIC FORTIFICATIONS

TOKYO, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Japanese Navy has already worked out a plan which takes into full consideration the American developments in the Pacific, the Navy Vice-Minister, Vice-Admiral Toyoda, informed the Diet yesterday.

Moreover, he pointed out, the American programme called only for the expenditure of \$240,000,000 on their fortification in the Pacific including Guam Island, and added: "Japan will not feel any serious menace to her national defence from the fortifications on such a scale."

ITALIAN CLAIMS REPUDIATED

Operations In Jarabub
Area Unchanged

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—With reference to the Italian claims to have repulsed violent British attacks near Jarabub, it is pointed out in London that the situation there is the same as last week, namely, the British have contained the Italian forces and are content, in view of the holy character of the place, to await an inevitable Italian surrender, which it is believed cannot long be delayed.

There is no confirmation in London of the latest claim to have bombed an "unidentified" warship.

Attention has been drawn in London to the fact that since the arrival of the German Air Force in Italy, the Italian claims to air successes have become more exaggerated. Faced with the boastful German claims, they no doubt feel it is necessary to "keep their end up."

With regard to the fighting at Zilmane, in the Sudan, it is pointed out the Italians are using the term Sudan rather loosely, as Zilmane is 20 miles within the Abyssinian border.

R.A.F. RAID

ADEN, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Aerodrome buildings at Adit Bala were extensively damaged by the R.A.F. in a raid, according to an R.A.F. communiqué.

Transport in the Dessie-Ajomata area was bombed and machine-gunned. Lorries were damaged and casualties to personnel were caused.

The R.A.F. aircraft met with opposition but all got back safely.

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Development Surpassed Prophets

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The Swiss press Weltwoche on Feb. 21 said the British have the right to be proud and satisfied with the achievements of their daughter nations.

Development has surpassed the prophets who believed the mother land's predicament will be seized as an opportunity for complete secession.

The exact opposite has occurred and bonds have been sealed by the strongest pledge of amity, namely shedding blood in a common cause.

WEALTHY CONTINENT

What is more, the eldest and greatest daughter nation, the United States, though long separated from the motherland, has decided to come to aid with all the economic and financial aid of the wealthy American continent.

The Basler Nachrichten on Feb. 20 said the inner strength and determination of the British Empire is nowhere more clearly illustrated than in North-east Africa where the Australians stand in the front line with the English troops, while Indian and South African forces threaten the Italians in Eritrea and Abyssinia.

U.K. TO RAISE AGE LIMIT

Thousands More For
Active Service

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Thousands of able-bodied men in Britain between 30 and 40 years of age, who, because of their occupations, had been prevented from joining the fighting forces, will probably be called up in the next few months.

In order to maintain a constant flow of men for the colours, drastic alterations to the schedule of reserved occupation are expected this week.

Reservation age in many occupations will be raised, some ceasing to be reserved.

A new feature will be "protected" workers in vital war work, as distinct from automatic reservation by age groups. Deprived of the services of younger men, employers must look to older men or women to carry on.

EAST AFRICAN OPERATIONS

Advances Recorded
On All Fronts

CAIRO, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—British operations in Italy's East African possessions continue to advance on all fronts.

Italian troops holding positions in Eritrea have been dispersed by British forces advancing from the north and many prisoners were taken. The advance towards the south continues.

On the road to Gondar, in northern Abyssinia, advance British elements are developing satisfactorily.

The R.A.F. has been very active in the various African battle zones.

In Eritrea, a South African squadron yesterday destroyed eight Italian planes on the ground and damaged several others at Makale in a machine-gun attack.

Whines And Confessions In Il Duce's Speech

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Unrest in Italy has brought forth Mussolini's Sunday broadcast in the general opinion of London morning's editorials, which add that the speech could have done little to calm or encourage the Italian people.

Mussolini has found himself compelled to broadcast an antidote for the dismay of the Italian people, writes the DAILY TELEGRAPH.

The whines and confessions, which he put into it, betrayed the disillusion and dissatisfaction that have gone in the war. Mussolini used to boast of 3,000,000 bayonets flashing at his command. How many of the youth of Italy he intends to sacrifice to his vanity is not made clear, but he will fight to the last drop of other men's blood for his Fuehrer.

HAND AND FOOT

The MANCHESTER GUARDIAN writes it cannot be said there is much comfort for the Italians in the address. On Mussolini's own showing, Italy is bound hand and foot to the increasingly strained war machine of the Nazis.

DAILY MAIL writes that the lament was one of the most

STRATEGIC EMPLOYMENT OF FIGHTING SERVICES

LONDON, Feb. 25 (BWS).—The conquest of Lower Jubaland and most of Upper Jubaland in Southern Italian Somaliland demonstrates afresh the power behind the concerted strategic employment of the three fighting services.

This teamwork, says THE TIMES newspaper, provides a striking parallel with the Libyan campaign.

Land, sea and air forces have been employed in combination. Like the Army of the Nile, General Wavell's men had to cross a desert before they could reach the enemy. They also managed nevertheless to take him by surprise.

The Times traces the campaign of the East African Army—consisting of troops from South, West and East Africa—from the opening action at Elwak, for his conduct of which South African Brigadier Pienaar has been awarded the D.S.O. The capture of the stronghold of Elwak on the Kenya border, with the co-operation of the South African Air Force, gave the campaign an auspicious start.

IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENT

The next important engagement was a successful attack on Afmadu, 100 miles inside the Italian Somaliland frontier. Here again the S.A.A.F. did the essential preliminary work.

As Kismayu was approached, the Royal Navy came into the picture and harassed the Italians along the coast between that place and Mogadishu in spite of the attempts of Italian armaments to put the British ships out of action.

Once bridgeheads were in British hands, Kismayu had received the usual pounding from the air, the defence collapsed.

BRITISH TROOPS IN ICELAND

Remote Island Now
A Fortress

REYKJAVIK (Iceland), Feb. 25 (Reuter).—In the nine months since British troops occupied this remote island, no time has been wasted in converting it into a fortress of the far north, writes Reuter's Special correspondent.

Permanent camps have been laid out, roads built and defences constructed. Britain has now consolidated her northern-most military outpost of Iceland, and British Army Headquarters here are confident that no attempt by Germany to oust the British would have the slightest chance of success.

The troops are cheerful and in excellent health, although having to contend with an erratic climate.

The food is good, mostly bought locally, and sickness has been remarkably low. English beer is now brewed for the British troops by an Icelandic firm.

MOCK INVASION

Intensive training has been carried out, including a mock invasion. Training in mobile warfare is a special feature. Special Arctic equipment has been issued and skis have been supplied in large numbers. British soldiers have taken well to skiing.

Vocational training is popular and there is a tremendous interest in foreign languages. Many officers and men already speak the local tongue fluently.

Local leave is often used to tour the waterfalls, hot springs and other sights of Iceland, but no home leave has yet been granted except in a few cases for compassionate reasons. Relations between the High Command and the Icelandic Government are excellent.



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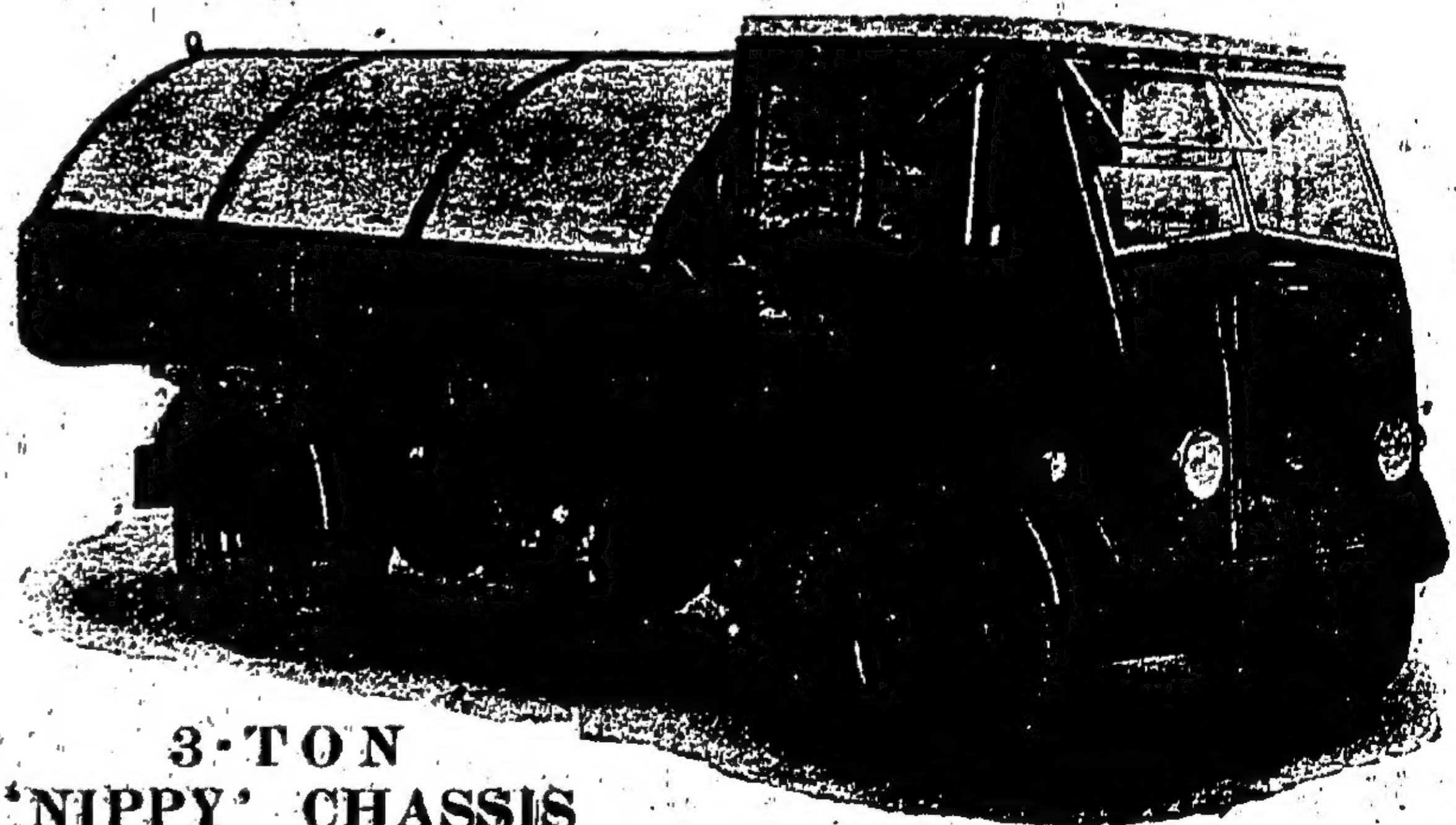
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HONGKONG TRAMS ESTABLISH NEW HIGH RECORDS FOR THE 3RD YEAR

Remuneration Increase For Directors Mooted At Annual Meeting

FOR THE THIRD SUCCESSIVE YEAR, THE HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED HAVE ESTABLISHED NEW HIGH RECORDS IN respect of traffic receipts, passengers and car-miles. It was revealed yesterday by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, at the annual meeting of the Company held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, Limited.

Passengers carried last year totalled 74,208,000, three and one-quarter million over the figures for 1939 or 4.64 per cent. over the previous record figures, and traffic receipts were up by \$153,000 or 51 per cent.

Mr. Paterson said:—
The profit for the year, before allowing for the new Corporation Profits and Property Tax, is \$1,242,680 or less by \$183,597 than the previous year's profit but this is more than accounted for by the new rate of 25 per cent. Royalty effective throughout the year as against a rate of 5 per cent. until September of the previous year.

For 1940 this liability amounted to \$374,468 against \$147,402 for 1939—an increase of \$227,066. In other words we are handing over to Government in respect of new Taxation and Royalty on last year's working \$510,872, an increase over 1939 of \$343,269.

SERVICE AUGMENTED
As foreshadowed in the Chairman's speech last year, two additional tramcars were put into commission during 1940 bringing the total to 109. In this connection I have been asked to comment on an interview given to the Press last November by Inspector Saunders (head of the Traffic Branch of the Police) regarding the prevailing overcrowding of the Colony's trams and buses.

According to the South China Morning Post of Nov. 8 last Mr. Saunders said (inter alia): "Owing to the war in Europe the local bus companies are finding difficulty in obtaining delivery of their orders, some of which were placed over a year ago; and as for the trams, our service is the most frequent in the world, and you cannot very well put any more of them on the rails."

Asked to explain this Mr. Saunders said that a recent check made on the tramway at the bottom of Garden Road showed that trams passed that point at the rate of 176 per hour in both directions which meant 89 per hour in one direction or one tram every 4 minutes.

FRESH CHECK
"Where in the world do you get such a service?" he is alleged to have said adding that he did not see how the Tramway Company could put any more cars on the rails. Consequently during the China New Year festivities last month a fresh check was made at the bottom of Garden Road. On Feb. 28, with 105 cars operating (30 of them on the short distance run Western Market-Causeway Bay) 218 cars passed per hour during the heavy traffic periods or 109 cars in each direction, or a headway between cars of 33 seconds.

Thanks largely to the Hongkong Electric Company having provided an additional traction sub-station, no trouble (electrical or otherwise) was experienced but it is obvious that the claims of the warship and paintshop and routine overhauls prevent a service of this great frequency being maintained normally without increasing the total of available vehicles.

It is therefore the intention of your Directors to acquire a number of additional tramcars if the present congested conditions continue and when our British suppliers are in a position to execute our orders. Meanwhile we are still awaiting delivery of tramcar trucks, air brake equipments, traction motors, steel tyres and axles etc.

We now have 33 tramcars fitted with air brakes. We have placed orders for a further 40 equipments but delivery is exceedingly slow.

NEW DOUBLE TRACK
Regarding the track, you were told last year that Causeway Road was to be raised and widened and that it would be necessary for us to construct a new double track between Causeway Bay and the western end of King's Road. This work has been postponed—probably for the duration of the war.

We have experienced considerable trouble during the year in consequence of the shortage of one

cent coins. Our fares of 6 cents and 3 cents third class (on all except Shaukiwan cars) whilst being exceedingly low are, at the same time, very cumbersome and necessitate an enormous amount of change. I am glad to say, however, that although there appears to be a continued shortage of one cent coins the position has improved since the China New Year holidays.

LOW FARES
On the subject of fares I told you from this Chair two years ago that our fares were amongst the lowest of any road passenger transport system in the world. The fare for the longest possible 3rd class tram ride in Hongkong, at the present rate of exchange, works out at 0.11 pence per mile, or 9 miles for a penny. Further, no charge is made for luggage although our bye-laws provide that nothing over a cubic foot in measurement will be allowed as personal luggage. Our conductors are taught to be tolerant and to allow anything on the platform free of charge so long as it is not offensive or too unwieldy.

To quote Mr. D. G. M. Bernard who presided at the annual meeting of this Company on Feb. 27, 1938, "We do not do all this—and at our low fares—from philanthropic motives, but as 'part of the social and civic service which your Company is rendering' to hundreds of thousands of the Colony's population."

Returning to the accounts, you will note an unusually high Donations figure—this includes \$25,000 subscribed to the South China Morning Post War Fund. The addition in the head "House & Other Property" represents purchase of an engineering staff residence at Broadwood Road conveniently located to our main Russell Street depot. The remaining detail is, I think, perfectly clear without special comment.

WAR TAXATION
Deducting the War Taxation assessment of \$138,203.60 in respect of Corporation Profits & Property Taxes and including the sum of \$128,252.25 carried in from last year, the amount available is \$1,234,739.08 of which \$100,000 has been allocated to General Reserve Account.

An Interim Dividend of 50 cents per share was paid in August last and the Board now recommends a Final distribution of \$1 per share making a total dividend of \$1.50 for the year 1940, amounting to \$975,000. This is the same as paid for 1939 and leaves the increased balance of \$159,739.08 to be carried forward.

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CHINESE "Y" MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Service for society was urged upon his audience by General Wu Te-chen, Minister of Overseas Affairs, at a dinner given on Monday night at the Windsor Cafe by Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, in honour of the captains of the various teams for the Chinese Y. M. C. A. membership campaign.

General Wu expressed the hope that the campaign will have fruitful results. He said that when he was in Shanghai and Canton, he was an ardent supporter whenever there was a "Y" membership campaign.

He paid a glowing tribute to the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for its valuable relief work during the past three old years of hostilities.

General Wu was thanked by Dr. C.T. Wang, who is commander-in-chief of the "Y" teams.

Round The Police Courts

AT CENTRAL

AGENCY FOR LETTERS

"This is an agency for the purpose of conveying letters in and out of the Colony. It has been carrying on for from four to six months and did roughly about \$1,000 to \$2,000 of business a month. I am instructed to ask for a serious view to be taken." stated Mr. D. C. W. Fitches, Assistant Superintendent of Mails, G. P. O., when Chung Chung-kee, 42, master of Hap Fat Cheong Import and export shop, No. 30 Queen's Street, second floor, Shu Kwong-kwan, 38, unemployed, and Lam Tai, 26, married woman, were charged on four counts of breach of the Defence Regulations, before Mr. Lowry yesterday.

It was stated that 104 letters which were conveyed into the Colony otherwise than by post, and 17 letters and one postal packet containing a number of letters waiting for conveying out of the Colony were found, when a visit to the flat was made on Feb. 19.

All letters were from and to Kwongchowwan.

A letter to the French concession cost 30 cents post, while the agency charged only between 12 and 20 cents, Mr. Fitches added.

Mr. Lowry fined first and second defendants \$500, or six months' hard labour, and third defendant \$20 or four months.

WILD TREES

Arrested in possession of 18 wild trees, valued at \$80, at No. 36 Government Plantation, near Pottinger Gap, Chung Fung, 45, married woman, was charged before Major A.N. Macfadyen yesterday and was fined \$60 or two months' hard labour.

DEFENDANTS CAUTIONED

Pleading ignorance of offence, Tsang Fuk-hing, 25, Lam Chuen, 21, both unemployed, and Wong Yau, 23, fisherman, charged with trespassing on Military grounds, were discharged with a caution by Major Macfadyen yesterday. It was stated that they were found inside the grounds of the Chung Hom Kok Fort on Monday. Defendants' story was that they went there to fish.

LARCENY FROM PERSON

A 12-year-old boy and an 18-year old youth, Lam Hei-lam, unemployed, appeared before Mr. H.G. Sheldon yesterday in connexion with a case of larceny from the person of Elvind Ellefrau of a gold pocket watch at Lockhart Road on Feb. 23.

Leung was charged with stealing, and Lam with counselling and procuring Leung in the commission of the crime.

On the application of Det.-Sgt. J. R. Bentley, who is in charge of the case, both defendants were remanded for 48 hours in police custody to make further enquiries.

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

Miss Patsy Lee, of No. 33, Ashley Road, ground floor was summoned before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday with driving car No. 2449 without a licence in King's Road at 5.45 p.m. on Feb. 6.

Pleading guilty, she was fined \$5.

Lee Tsing-pao, summoned for allowing the car to be driven by an unlicensed driver, pleaded guilty through a representative and was fined \$10.

Sgt. J. Hunter prosecuted.

RETURNED DEPORTEE

Pleading guilty to escaping from Victoria Gaol on Feb. 20, then being in custody under committal warrant on a charge of breach of deportation order, Lau Tak-tai, 36, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

BURGULARS GAOLED

Pleading guilty to stealing clothing and a leather suitcase from No. 80, Queen's Road West on Feb. 23, Chan Ching, 29, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and Kwong Shu, 30, unemployed, to three months by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

ASSAULT CHARGE

A 35-year-old woman, Fong Lan, of No. 39, Stanley Street, ground floor, was charged before Mr. Lowry yesterday with assaulting Wong Lau, shop folk.

The case was adjourned to tomorrow at 11.30 a.m.

Det.-Sgt. Cochrane prosecuted.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING

Charged with maliciously wounding Kuo Man, 36, cook, near the World Theatre on Feb. 19, Tsau Kau, 18, Ho Wai-man, 17, and So Yat, 17, all unemployed,

BUNGALOW TRAGEDY

FUNERAL OF MRS. FUNG KWOK-WAH

The funeral of Mrs. Fung Kwok-wah, who died of chopper wounds in a bungalow tragedy, at the Customs Pass on Monday morning, took place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery yesterday afternoon.

The late Mrs. Fung was a prominent figure in the local Chinese circles. She was a graduate of the St. Paul's Girls' College and a member of the Chinese Women's Club.

There was a large gathering at the graveside and wreaths were sent by Hon. Sir Robert Kotelawall, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Triggs, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Burleigh and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanton, Dr. and Mrs. D. K. Samy, Mr. Eu Tong-sen, Dr. Seckqua Phoon, Dr. T. C. Wong, Dr. S. H. Sung, Dr. and Mrs. Lee Shiu-kee, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. K. Lau, Mr. and Mrs. Wat Pak-yue, Mrs. Rose Tan, Mr. Kelly C. T. Chan, Miss Priscilla Ho, Miss Lulu Look, Miss Winnie Ho, Chinese Bathing Club, Wah Yan Past Students' Association, Pun-yu Residents' Association, in Hongkong, Chinese Y. W. C. A., Hongkong Chinese Women's Club, Committee of the New Territories Agricultural Association and a host of others.

DEATH OF MR. FUNG

Mr. Fung Kwok-wah, proprietor of the Green Island Cement Company, who was found with his wife suffering from lacerated wounds, allegedly self-inflicted, died at the Kowloon Hospital at 9.10 a.m. yesterday.

appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday, when they were sentenced to 12 strokes of the cane each.

Det.-Sgt. J. R. Sykes prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

CONVICTION REGISTERED

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson yesterday on each of the three defendants, Wong Yuk-sang, 20, unemployed, Wong Fook, 24, and Chan Shing, 33, coolies, for breaking into a storehouse at No. 372, Reclamation Street. They were alternatively charged with possession of stolen property.

Sgt. A.L. Gordon conducted the prosecution.

FORGED LETTER

Alleged to have demanded \$100 from Cheung Muk-lin by means of a forged letter at No. 17, Kai Yan Road on Feb. 23, Sin Hung, 25, musician, was charged before Mr. Anderson yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman asked for a remand of one week which was granted.

THEFT OF SCRAP IRON

Convicted of larceny of 50 cabbies of scrap iron from the P.W.D. storeyard at Shanghai Street, Liu Min, 29, was sentenced to two weeks' hard labour, to be followed by expulsion, by Mr. H.C. Macnamara yesterday.

Sgt. A. G. Groves, prosecuting, said that defendant was seen coming out from the yard carrying the iron about 3 a.m. on Monday by a watchman. He was questioned and admitted that he had stolen iron from the storeyard.

BOUND OVER

Hearing of the case in which, Fok Hang fireman attached to the Central Fire Station, Chan Chung-yan, and Li Hing, actors, were charged with procuring a 20-year-old girl, with intimidation, to have carnal knowledge with second defendant, was concluded before Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday.

First defendant was bound over while the other defendants were discharged.

Mr. M. A. da Silva prosecuted, while Mr. Hin-shing Lo appeared for first accused.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Lo Hing, 28, charged with the murder of Ho Sau-tsan, mistress of a rice shop, at No. 54 Wuhu Street, was committed to stand trial at the next Criminal Sessions by Mr. Himsforth yesterday.

MARINE COURT

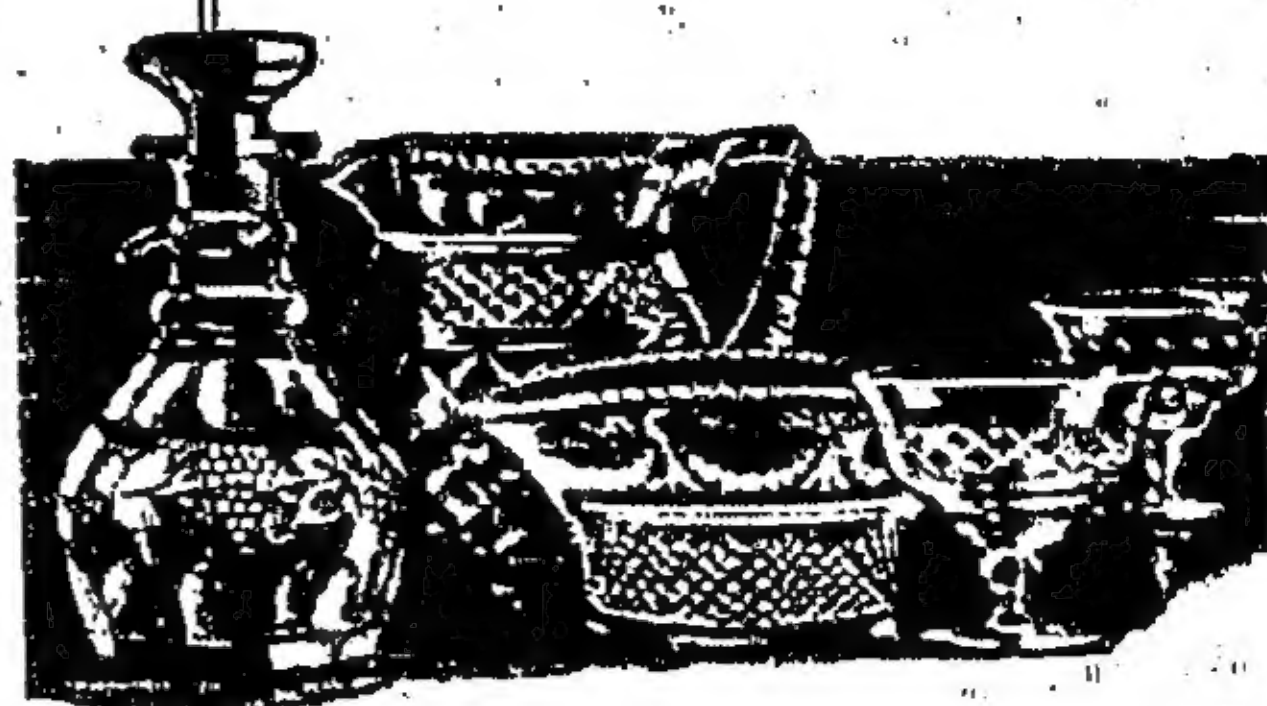
Fan Luk, 20, and five others were fined \$3 each by the Marine Magistrate, Comdr. T. C. Stiff, R.N.R., yesterday when they pleaded severally guilty to having moored their craft in the prohibited area in Causeway Bay Typhoon Shelter.

LOW WATER MARK

Leung Ngau and two others were fined \$3 each for having anchored at a distance of less than 100 yards from the low water mark near Cheung Chau Ferry Wharf during prohibited hours, between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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POLITICIAN'S VIEWS ON PROSPECTS OF INVASION: MANNER AND METHOD

"You may picture us in this island, vigilant, active and prepared—firm in the knowledge that if any invaders dare come, we will give a good account of ourselves—and so we will," declared a well-known MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, when he broadcast from London yesterday his personal impressions of an attempt at invasion which Herr Hitler might be driven to make on England.

The speaker declared that the idea of broadcast talks from home was to help people to get some kind of a picture of what the people there were thinking about.

SUBJECT FOR SPECULATION

"We are told," he went on, "that the rest of the world is wondering how we are going to stand up to things. It has, of course, never occurred to us to doubt ultimate victory. Everywhere one goes one hears people wondering and asking whether Herr Hitler is going to invade us. It is an interesting subject for speculation, but here the speculation is whether the attempt will be made, and not whether the attempt will succeed.

"No one worries his head over being conquered by invading forces as it happened in 1066. Nor are we living in dread as lots of people seem to think. It is not a matter of courage or nerve, but a determination to sum up the situation as fairly and as honestly as we can.

"So I would like you to know what the ordinary person here thinks of the chances of invasion and why we are so sure that we can repel the invader. We are going to stick it out whatever happens, as Queen Victoria once said. That is the sort of confidence we have. Our confidence today is also born of experience and knowledge of our strength.

MUCH STRONGER

"We know that Herr Hitler cannot beat us by day from the air. We learnt that in September and if Herr Hitler failed in that sort of attempt then, it is likely that he can bring it off now when we are so much stronger in the air?

"There was, and still is, the menace of night bombing. We have suffered and will continue to suffer much damage and casualties, but the sum total of our war effort has hardly been affected at all. All the time we know that we are growing stronger and stronger on land, in the air and on the sea.

"I don't know how many aeroplanes the Germans have and how many we have, but I do know that over this land and the surrounding sea we have superiority. We have our navy and we have a well-trained and well-equipped army. Throughout the autumn we were in a worse position than we are now. We had to send to the Middle East magnificent land and air forces before which Benito Mussolini's empire is crumbling like dust.

U.S. Refuses Request From Soviet

Mr. Sumner Welles, the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, and the Soviet Ambassador to the United States, conferred for nearly an hour on Monday, states a message from Saigon.

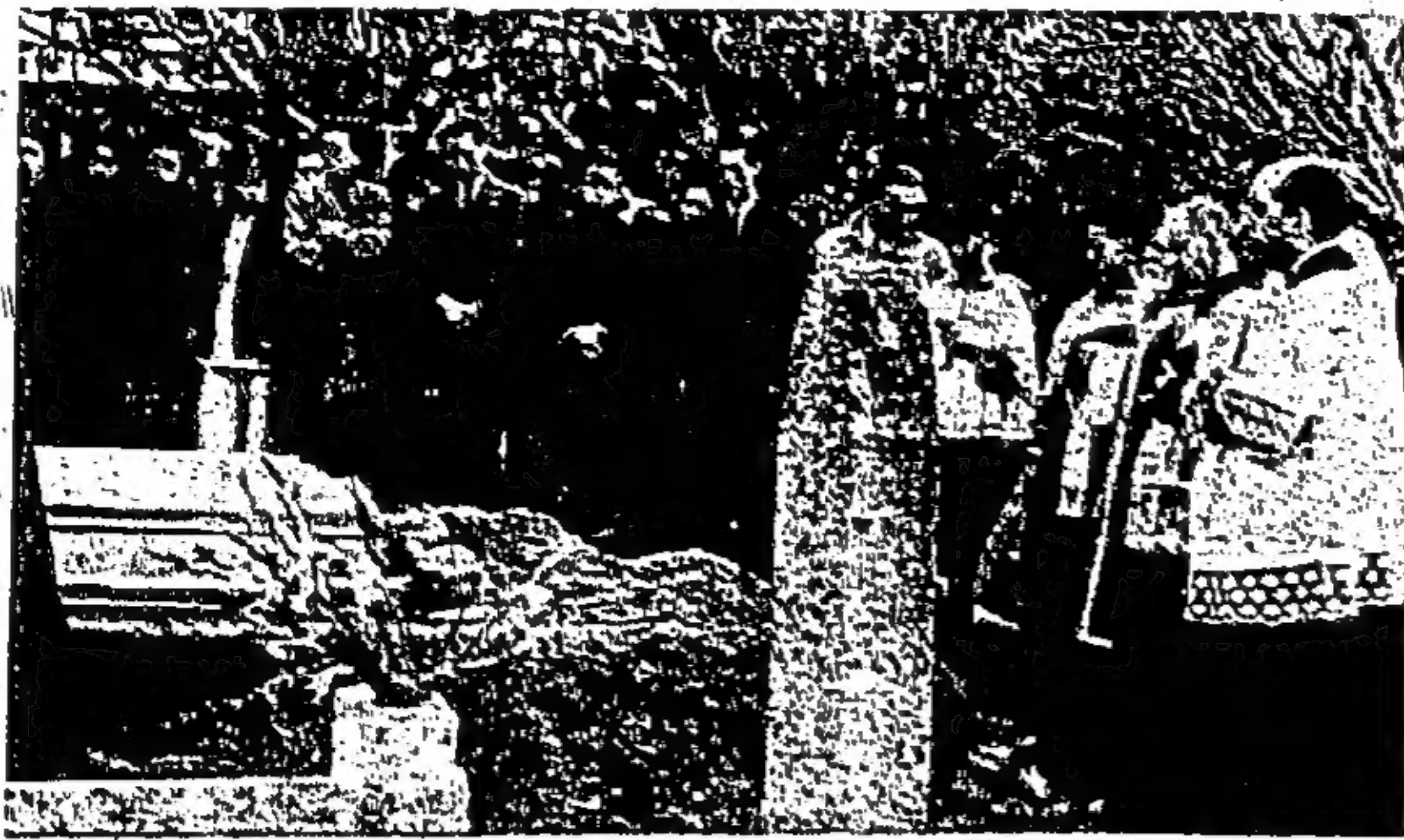
The subject of the conversation was not disclosed, but well-informed circles declare that the Soviet Ambassador requested a release of ships belonging to the Baltic nations which were being detained in the United States.

Mr. Sumner Welles is reported to have rejected the request, adding that it was contrary to United States Foreign Policy.—(Special)

BRITISH EXODUS FROM PEIPING

CHUNGKING, Feb. 25 (Central)—More than 500 Britons will be evacuated from Peiping and Tientsin and more than 100 from Canton and Swatow, according to a Shanghai dispatch quoting British sources.

The British evacuees from Canton and Swatow will first proceed to Hongkong and those from Peiping, Tientsin and other parts of North and Central China to Shanghai before they sail for England.



Picture taken at funeral of Mrs. Fung Kwok-wah yesterday.—(Sun Ying Ming Studio).

LEASE AND LEND BILL

CRITICAL STAGE REACHED

The Lease and Lend Bill has reached a critical stage in the Senate debate and a final vote is expected to be taken at the end of the week, states a message from Sydney.—(Special)

FILLBUSTER TALK

NEW YORK, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—There is renewed talk of Fillbuster (obstruction) against the Lease and Lend Bill, according to reports from Washington.

One Opposition Senator, whose name is not disclosed, said flatly there will be Fillbuster and declared a number of letters have been received urging the Bill to be "talked to the death" and added that a dozen Senators have indicated they are willing to take the floor for long periods with Opposition speeches.

LEADERS CONFIDENT

Administration leaders, however, are confident the Bill will be passed next week. At the same time, there is continued talk of amendments and the leader of a minority, Senator McNary, is reported to be urged by Democratic leaders to accept one to prohibit the transfer of naval vessels and one declaring the Bill "does not confer authority to send troops outside this Hemisphere."

PRIORITY FOR U.S. DEFENCE ORDERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—The Government has placed aluminium and machine-tool producers on a mandatory priority basis under the defence programme.

Under this order which expires on May 31, defence orders must be given priority and in consequence supplies of such articles as household pots and pans may be delayed for a few months.

This is the first time that such action has been taken under the powers which were recently provided.

NEW BLOOD IN PETAIN MINISTRY

VICHY, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—Marshal Petain introduced some new blood to his Ministry and also reorganised the officers themselves.

The former Ministry of Industrial Production and Labour were divided into two Under-Secretaryships, one for the family and the other for Health is being set up.

NAZI AIR AID FOR RUMANIA, ITALY

BELGRADE, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—Large reinforcements of the Luftwaffe have left Austria for Rumania and Italy in the past few days according to reliable reports received here.

Units of ground staff have also been going to Italy.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

BIG NEWSPRINT INDUSTRY

A new industry has been started in Tasmania where paper mills have begun to turn out newsprint, states a message from Sydney.

Up to the present, all Australia's newsprint had to be imported from Canada and Great Britain. This new industry will now help to conserve Australian exchange and the Tasmanian paper mills are expected to produce 100,000 tons of newsprint a year.

MILITARY TRAINING

The Australian Minister for War announced yesterday, adds the Sydney message, a scheme for advance military training. This will be carried out with as little dislocation as possible to the economic life of Australia.

SHIP BUILDING PLANS

A big expansion of ship-building plans is to be proposed for Australia by Mr. Curtin, the Labour Leader, when the Australian War Council meets on Friday.

Mr. Curtin stated that under the programme three times as many ships will be built as was planned last week. The Government will retain ownership of the vessels and Australian materials will provide 95 per cent of what was needed for ship-building.

SAND FOR AFRICA

Australian troops in Africa asked for some sand from the Australian coast to be sent to them, adds the Sydney message.

The water available to the troops in Africa has to be purified before it can be drunk and sand is stated to have special qualities for this process.—(Special)

NORWEGIAN RAILWAY DERAILMENTS

A German radio broadcast ordered all German soldiers on leave in Norway to report at once to the nearest military station, states a London message.

It is thought probable that this is due to the fact that there have been many derailments on the Norwegian railways and that the whole line will have to be placed under military guard.—(Special)

MR. ANTHONY EDEN IN EGYPT

CAIRO, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—As soon as he arrived here, Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, received General Georges Catroux, leader of the Free French in the Middle East; it is now revealed.

Mr. Eden congratulated General Catroux on the part played by the Free French forces in the defence of Egypt and against the Italians in Abyssinia and on the notable contribution which French soldiers, sailors and airmen were making in the fight against the common enemy.

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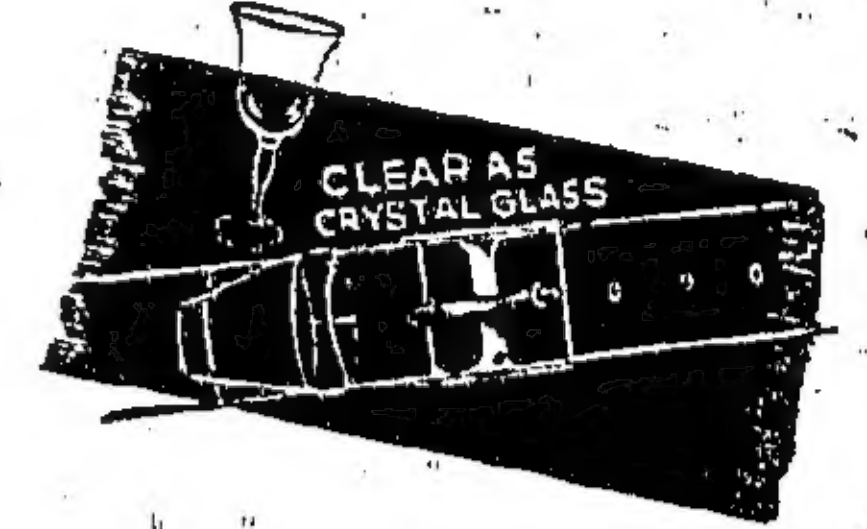
Like the raincoat, this jacket is transparent, light and waterproof. Available in clear transparent, dark emerald or brown.

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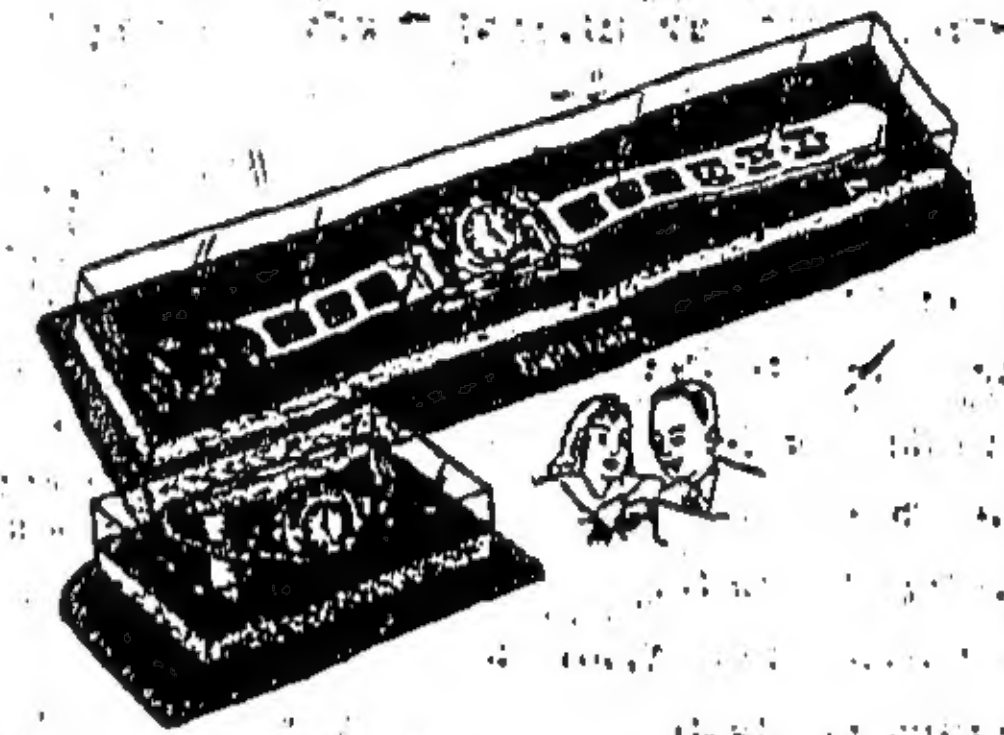
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The WING ON

Long Awaited Chaplin Film Showing Soon

LEE THEATRE IS VENUE

The Hongkong public will soon see the keenly-awaited and widely-discussed film, "The Great Dictator," with Charles Chaplin in the starring role.

This has been made possible by the enterprise shown by the management of the Lee Theatre who have obtained the exclusive rights for the initial screening in the Colony which will be the first place in China to have the opportunity of witnessing Chaplin's first screen appearance in four years.

The picture is being released through United Artists and the negotiations, which were completed yesterday afternoon, were conducted by Mr. J. C. Gottz, Far East Manager of United Artists Corporation and the theatre management locally.

Arrangements are well in hand and the management hope to stage the gala premiere in the first week of next month.

The film, which took two years in the making amid much secrecy, has a running time of about two hours.

The Lee Theatre was recently entirely renovated at a cost of over \$150,000 and is now one of the most modern theatres in the Colony. It has seating accommodation for about 1,400, is air-conditioned and possesses the latest and up-to-date sound machine—the Microphone—installed by Western Electric.—O.T.

N.E.I.-JAPAN TALKS

BATAVIA, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—Mr. J. H. Ritman, the Netherlands East Indies publicity director, confirmed yesterday the economic negotiations between the Netherlands East Indies and Japan are continuing smoothly when he spoke at the weekly Press conference.

FRENCH FLEET IN GULF OF SIAM

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—The military authorities in French Indo-China has cancelled all Army leave, according to Paris radio.

The announcement also states that the French Far Eastern Fleet is reported to be cruising in the Gulf of Siam.

ADDIS ABABA BOMBED

CAIRO, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—The British Air Force struck heavily in Abyssinia yesterday when Addis Ababa was bombed and considerable damage was done to its aerodrome and buildings around it, stated a communique issued today.

South African bombers attacked Neftali to the east of Asmara in Eritrea and bombed the road to the north of the town. Strong support was again given by the R.A.F. to Greek operations in Albania.

Italian military buildings and transport vehicles in the neighbourhood of Tepelini were heavily bombed. Another heavy attack was pressed home in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire against troops concentrations at Dukaj.

41ST RAID ON BREST

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—The R.A.F. Bomber Command heavily raided Brest last night, which was the 41st raid on this port and the fourth night in succession.

The docks at Brest, where an enemy cruiser of the Hipper class is known to be lying, was bombed and in spite of very heavy anti-aircraft fire, the attack was pressed home.

From this operation, none of our aircraft is missing.

It is added that a heavy load of bombs was dropped, including some of the heaviest type ever used for this kind of target.

The attacks lasted two hours.

ROYAL PRAISE FOR POLISH AIRMEN

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—King George, while making a tour of inspection of R.A.F. aerodromes, recently visited several Polish squadrons.

His Majesty subsequently expressed his appreciation of the smartness and enthusiasm of the Polish airmen.

The Polish Commander-in-Chief, in reply, assured His Majesty that the Polish airmen are proud to fight wing to wing with the R.A.F. and consider it a privilege to be serving at the same time their own country and Britain in a common noble cause.

ROME, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—Ex-King Alfonso of Spain spent a quiet day, and his condition was unchanged.

A.A. BATTERIES BOMBED BY R.A.F.

GREEK OPERATIONS RESTRICTED BY WEATHER

ATHENS, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—Supporting the Greek operations, the R.A.F. successfully bombed Dukaj, north-west of Tepelini during Sunday, states a communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in Greece.

Buildings were hit as well as enemy positions to the south, while bombs were seen to burst on anti-aircraft batteries.

OPERATIONS RESTRICTED

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—Greek operations against the Italians in Albania have been restricted owing to heavy rain and thick mists, stated the Athens radio last night.

The recently captured large mountain ranges, ridges and areas have been systematically cleaned up with the result that more prisoners have been captured and more automatic weapons and good quantities of tents and blankets have been taken.

Successful patrol activity is also reported.

Two enemy tanks were destroyed in a local engagement where the enemy was completely routed.

Three Italian planes were shot down and two others were severely hit.

GIFT BOMBERS FOR ROYAL DUTCH NAVY

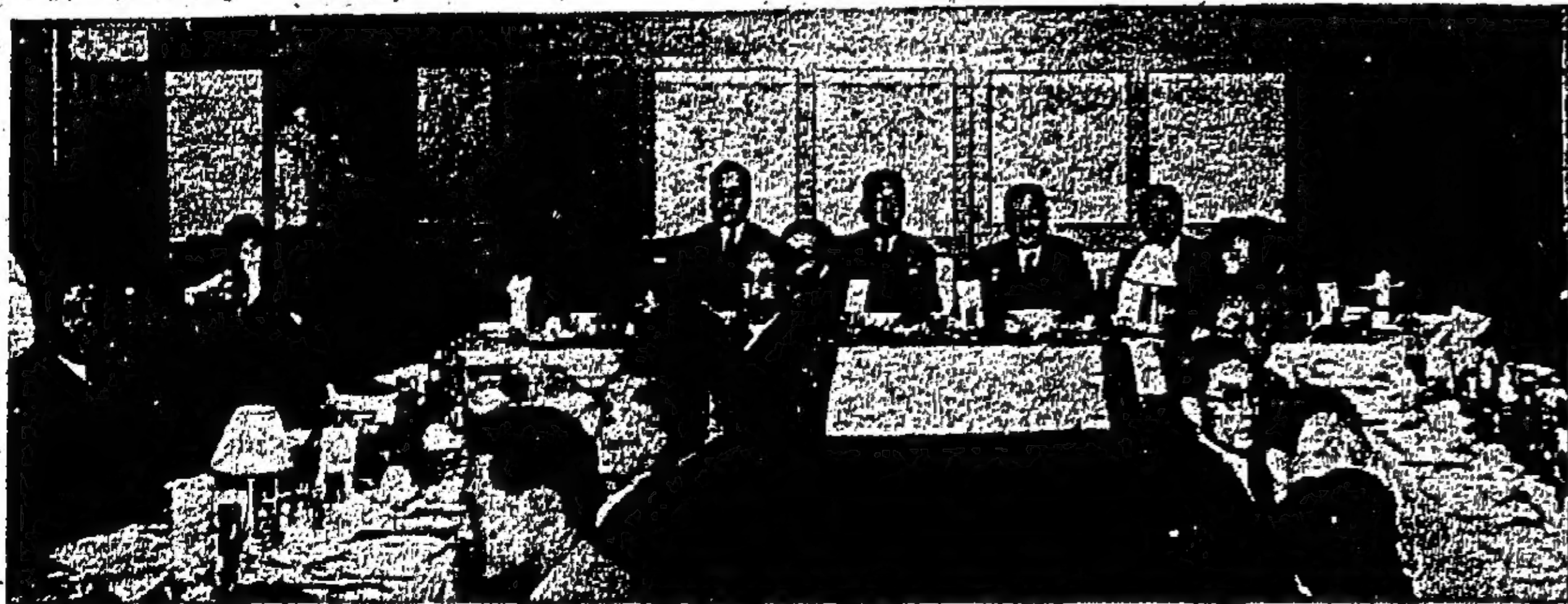
LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—Two more bombers were presented to the Royal Dutch Navy by the "Prince Bernhard Fund," which acts as a worldwide Dutch War Weapons Committee.

Altogether 64 Spitfires and 23 bombers have now been presented to the Dutch and British forces by Free Dutch all over the world.

NORTH SCOTLAND BOMBED

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter)—German air activity over Britain during daylight yesterday has been very slight, the only bombs reported being at a place in North Scotland.

Announcing this, the Air Ministry states that the bombs caused neither damage nor casualties.



A large gathering was present at the Cafe Windsor on Monday night, when Dr. C. T. Wang, commander-in-chief of all teams in connection with the annual Y.M.C.A. membership campaign, was host to captains of individual teams at supper. General Wu Te-shen, Chinese Minister of Overseas Affairs, is seated on Dr. Wang's right.—(Sun Ying Ming Studio).

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m. Feb. 25.

Barometer, (at sea level), 30.07 ins.

Temperature, 61 F.

Humidity, 82 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/N

Wind Force (Beaufort) 7

Temperature: maximum yesterday, 70 F.

Minimum temperature, 50 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st 0.82 ins.

Against an average of 279 ins.

Sunset tonight, 6.25 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.47 a.m.

4 p.m. Feb. 25.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.97 ins.

Temperature, 61 F.

Humidity, 74 F.

Wind Direction, E

Wind Force (Beaufort), 5.

Maximum temperature, 62 F.

Minimum temperature, 50 F.

Rainfall, 0.01 ins.

The disappearance of a cargo junk, No. 1338H, which left Shau-kiwan on Feb. 3 for Macao; has been reported to the Police.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING RESULTS

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Galveston Bay	28	44
Gladator	182	161
Guinness Time	50	70
Jane Doe	552	545
Just In Time	173	211
Potentate	258	198
Rose Evelyn	9	30
Rose Jane	311	343
Rose-Queen	78	129
Strathannock	204	282
Taxing Master	11	37
Total	4,240	4,146

5.—Warrego Plate (Two Miles)

Mrs. B. Hall's Never-Neer, 152 lbs. (Mr. D. Black)	1
Mr. C.C.F.'s Santa-Anita, 152 lbs. (Mr. S. C. Liang)	2
Mr. L.W.S.'s Corsair, 149 lbs. (Mr. P. P. Botelho)	3

The Hawk was fourth. Won by 2 lengths, half a length between second and third.

Time: 3.55.1.

Parl-mutuel:—

Winner: \$27.50.

Places: \$9.50, \$6.70, \$13.10.

Also ran:—Angel of Glory, 152 lbs. (B. L. Tao); Casino, 149 (C. L. Gregory); King's Flight, 152 (V. V. Needa); Moonlight, 148 (F. Noodt); National Blessings, 152 (S. L. Yuen); The Hawk, 152 (W. H. S. Davis); Wayworth, 170 (L. J. A. Fildes).	
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11 Starters.

Betting	Win. Place.
Angel of Glory	248 356
Casino	29 58
Corsair	252 300
King's Flight	1,169 922
Moonlight	218 243
National Blessings	19 38
Never-Neer	834 337
Santa-Anita	2,147 1,456
The Hawk	284 295
Wayworth	11 56
Total	5,211 4,261

6.—Adelaide Handicap, "D" Class

(One Mile)

Mr. G. Tinson's Longdon, 135 lbs. (Mr. F. Noodt) 1

Mr. Ellandee's Rootify, 159 lbs. (Mr. V. V. Needa) 2

Mr. I.M.M.'s A Good Time, 135 lbs. (Mr. H. S. Chang) 3

Ruby Star was fourth.

Won by 5 lengths, 2 lengths between second and third.

Time: 1.52.2.

Parl-mutuel:—

Winner: \$12.30.

Places: \$7.10, \$3.90, \$13.30.

Also ran:—A Green Time, 159 lbs. (S. C. Liang); Amber II, 150 (C. L. Gregory); Colorado Star, 137 (W. H. S. Davis); Dick Turpin, 140 (S. L. Yuen); Forehand Drive, 135 (F. A. Sequela); National Victory, 159 (B. L. Tao); Rising Star, 159 (K. I. Ip); Ruby Star, 159 (P. P. Botelho); Sea Urchin, 135 (D. Black); Surprise Again, 143 (L. B. Chao).

13 Starters.

Betting	Win. Place.
A Good Time	386 359
A Green Time	222 253
Amber II	258 293
Colorado Star	234 292
Dick Turpin	98 171
Forehand Drive	9 18
Longdon	1,655 1,430
National Victory	394 430
Rising Star	60 91
Rootify	691 758
Ruby Star	136 145
Sea Urchin	247 337
Surprise Again	230 333
Total	4,630 4,921

7.—Austral Hopeful Stakes

(1 1/4 Miles)

Mr. Pearstar's Marsh Warbler, 152 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 1

Mr. Lbs. Mountain View, 152 lbs. (Mr. H. C. Pih) 2

Mr. Why's National Courage, 152 lbs. (Mr. B. L. Tao) 3

Won by 2 lengths and a half, many lengths between second and third.

Time: 3.25.1

Parl-mutuel:—

Winner: \$12.

Places: \$7.50, \$12.20.

Also ran:—Gay Fox, 152 lbs. (W. G. Poy).

4 Starters.

Betting	Win. Place.
Gay Fox	1,925 582
Marsh Warbler	1,514 628
Mountain View	534 214
National Courage	333 129
Total	4,406 1,655

8.—Champion Stakes (1 1/4 Miles)

Mr. T.K.L.'s Confusion Bay, 152 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 1

Mr. C.H. Chan's Bugle, 149 lbs. (Mr. C. B. Moller) 2

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Mr. T.K.L.'s O-Lan, 150 lbs. (Mr. V. V. Needa) 3

Racilyght was fourth.

Won by 2 lengths, a length between second and third.

Time: 2.26.4.

Winner: \$15.30.

Places: \$5.80, \$3.50, \$5.40.

Also ran:—Arnieber, 149 (C. L. Gregory); Blue Gown, 144 (Hoo

Pak Ming); Buckfastleigh, 152 (W. H. S. Davis); Gold Rod, 150 (S. C. Liang); Harmony Star, 149 (P. P. Botelho); May, 147 (R. K. C. Chui); Rocky Beach, 152 (S. L. Yuen); Saratoga, 147 (Chui Ki-fan); Snow White, 149 (H. C. Pih); Sports Lady, 145 (R. M. Wood); Too Hot, 147 (A. D. Coppin); War Tax, 147 (Ho Hong Ping).

15 Starters.

Betting	Win. Place.
Arnieber	15 26
Blue Gown	3 8
Buckfastleigh	165 163
Bugle	1,769 1,650
Gold Rod	204 158
Harmony Star	394 387
Lex Fori	1,514 953
May	3 13
Rocky Beach	18 30
Saratoga	16 57
Snow White	16 57
Sports Lady	14 24
Sydney Lady	2,388 1,555
Too Hot	3 22
War Tax	6 14
Total	6,740 5,214

Places: \$5.80, \$3.50, \$5.40.

Also ran:—Dupont Bay, 152 lbs. (M. M. Sokoloff); Eve of Harvest, 149 (W. H. S. Davis); Racilyght, 152 (F. Noodt).

6 Starters.

Betting	Win. Place.
Confusion Bay	1,935 1,244
Dupont Bay	137 181
Eve of Harvest	892 686
Nacilyght	801 745
O-Lan	2,631 1,907
Racilyght	299 324
Total	6,695 5,087

9.—Australian Ponies Champions

(1 1/4 Miles)

Mrs. A. E. Grasett's Sapper, 152 lbs. (Mr. W. H. S. Davis) 1

Mr. Lan's Distant View, 152 lbs. (Mr. H. C. Pih) 2

Mr. Vilaja's Viceroy, 152 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 3

Won by 3 lengths, 5 lengths between second and third.

Time: 2.17.

Parl-mutuel:—

Winner: \$8.64.

Places: \$5.40, \$5.60.

Also ran:—Baffin Bay, 152 lbs. (V. V. Needa); Fleetwing, 152 (W. G. Poy).

5 Starters.

Betting	Win. Place.
Baffin Bay	277 182
Distant View	2,647 1,153
Fleetwing	117 92
Sapper	3,820 1,457
Viceroy	431 369
Total	7,092 3,233

10.—Tyro Stakes (1 Mile)

Mr. C.H. Chan's Velvettlight, 152 lbs. (Mr. C. B. Moller) 1

Mr. T.K.L.'s Oolong, 152 lbs. (Mr. C. Pollock) 2

Mr. Marper's Charlesber, 152 lbs. (Mr. L. B. Chao) 3

Won by half a length, many lengths between second and third.

Time: 1.58.1.

Parl-mutuel:—

Winner: \$13.40.

Places: \$5.40, \$5.40.

Also ran:—Odeon (late Alexandra Bay) 152 lbs. (V. V. Needa); World Fair View, 152 (H. C. Pih).

5 Starters.

Betting	Win. Place.
Charlesber	159 118
Odeon (late Alexandra Bay)	103 84
Oolong	2,878 1,030
Velvettlight	1,836 989
World Fair View	695 252
Total	5,580 2,471

11.—Austral Grand Stand Stakes

(From the 1 1/4 Mile Post, About Half Mile 170 Yards)

Mr. C.H. Chan's Starlight, 152 lbs. (Mr. C. B. Moller) 1

Mr. Lee Bros.' Nomine Poenae, 152 lbs. (Mr. L. B. Chao) 2

Mr. T. & E's Hascossay, 152 lbs. (Mr. W. H. S. Davis) 3

King's Welcome was fourth.

Won by half a length, short head between second and third.

Time: 1.02.

Parl-mutuel:—

Winner: \$20.50.

Places: \$8.80, \$8.10, \$31.80.

Also ran:—A Luxurious Time, 152 (H. J. A. Hearne); Amusement Tax, 152 (H. S. Chang); Canberra, 149 (D. Black); Gloaming, 152 (W. G. Poy); King's Welcome, 149 (V. V. Needa); Locus Standi, 152 (M. M. Sokoloff); Misty View, 152 (H. C. Pih); Ratio Decidendi, 152 (S. W. Lee); Subpoena, 152 (Tang Man Wa); Tropical Love, 152 (S. C. Liang); Vanguard, 152 (P. P. Botelho).

14 Starters.

Betting	Win. Place.
A Luxurious Time	54 81
Amusement Tax	19 41
Canberra	738 895
Gloaming	99 97
Hascossay	137 157
King's Welcome	377 355
Locus Standi	799 584
Misty View	843 733
Nomine Poenae	2,238 1,361
Ratio Decidendi	19 69
Starlight	1,662 1,113
Subpoena	7 17
Tropical Love	683 540
Vanguard	49 82
Total	7,702 5,875

12.—Blue Mountains Plate, Second

Section (One Mile)

Lee Bros.' Lex Fori, 152 lbs. (Mr. M. M. Sokoloff) 1

Mr. Lucky's Sydney Lady, 152 lbs. (Mr. H. J. A. Hearne) 2

Mr. C. H. Chan's Bugle, 149 lbs. (Mr. C. B. Moller) 3

Snow White was fourth.

Won by a length and half, the same between second and third.

Time: 1.53.

Parl-mutuel:—

Winner: \$19.80.

Places: \$5.80, \$5.50, \$5.40.

Also ran:—Arnieber, 149 (C. L. Gregory); Blue Gown, 144 (Hoo

Pak Ming); Buckfastleigh, 152 (W. H. S. Davis); Gold Rod, 150 (S. C. Liang); Harmony Star, 149 (P. P. Botelho); May, 147 (R. K. C. Chui); Rocky Beach, 152 (S. L. Yuen); Saratoga, 147 (Chui Ki-fan); Snow White, 149 (H. C. Pih); Sports Lady, 145 (R. M. Wood); Too Hot, 147 (A. D. Coppin); War Tax, 147 (Ho Hong Ping).

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CASH SWEEPS

RACE 1

No. 1778	\$1,847.10
3142	470.80
1845	235.50

Tickets Nos. 1393, 608, 1743, 2352, 1955, 2320, 2812, 304, 1519, 1231, 2184, 298, 2267, 1418 get \$50 each.

Finance and Commerce

Malaya's Iron Millions Hanging In The Balance

Some of the biggest mining concerns in Malaya, which are run by Japanese, are affected by a question to be asked in the House of Commons regarding Japanese-owned iron mines in the State of Trengganu and Kelantan. Iron ore mining in Malaya is almost a Japanese monopoly, says the Malaya Tribune.

Japanese concerns own two mines in Trengganu, one in Johore (Batu Pahat) and one in Kelantan, and in 1937 the total output of ore from these was 1,816,969 tons. In 1938 the total was 1,394,096 tons.

The Ishihara Sangyo Koshi, Machang Sa'tahun, near Kemaman Ltd., has been mining ore at Batu Pahat, Johore, since 1921, and the ore mined contains approximately 60 per cent. of metallic iron.

In Trengganu, there are two Japanese companies mining iron ore, the Nippon Mining Company at Dungun, and the Ishihara Sangyo Koshi Ltd. at Kemaman. The Nippon Mining Company has been mining at Dungun since 1930. This company runs an ore train from the mines to loading jetties at Nibong on the Dungun River, and to Sura on the coast, a distance of about 18 miles.

From the jetties, tongkangs, are towed by tugs to steamers lying outside Dungun harbour. For three months during the north east monsoon loading is impossible. This company employs a large labour force numbering about 5,000.

The Ishihara Sangyo Koshi, Ltd. has been mining iron ore at Batu Pahat, Johore, since 1921, and the ore mined contains approximately 60 per cent. of metallic iron. In 1938, 905,316 tons of iron ore were mined in Trengganu alone. Iron ore mining in Kelantan was begun in 1937. The Temangan Iron Mine, situated one and a half miles from the railway in Kelantan, is owned by the Southern Mine Company, Ltd., with its head office in Tokyo.

The ore mined on this property contains approximately 54 per cent. iron. All iron ore mined is shipped to Japan.

With regard to ore mined on properties on the east coast, shipments must end in October each year because of the monsoon, and cannot be resumed until the following April.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

February 25.
The market continues neglected.

BUYERS

Bank of East Asia, \$76.
Canton Ins., \$215.
Union Ins., \$411.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$170.
Providents, \$575.
Lands & Debentures, \$97.50.
Trams, \$17.50.
Lights, \$6.15.

SELLERS

Hotels, \$3.60.
Humphreys, \$7.05.
Realities, \$3.40.
Trams, \$17.75.

SALES

Electric (Old), \$41.75/50.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1941.

SALES

H.K. Electric (O.) 300 \$41.50
Yau-mat Ferries 100 41.50
Nanyang Tobacco 50 23.65

BUYERS

Yau-mat Ferries 100 41.50
Nanyang Tobacco 50 23.65

The total value is \$19,162.50.

U.S. MATERIAL AID TO BRITAIN

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—That it would be at least in September before we found American production effective from the British point of view was the opinion expressed by Sir Walter Citrine, General Secretary of Trade Union Congress, who has returned to London after a three months' tour of the United States and Canada. He believed that by September British and American production would considerably overtop German production. The peak of American production would not be reached until the middle or end of 1942.

It was decided that the correspondence on the subject between the Council and the Ministry be sent to the Member for Galle in the State Council with a view to bringing up the matter in the State Council.

The Minister for Labour in a recent letter to the Mayor of Galle stated that prior to the introduction of the Poor Law in the State Council the Minister of Local Administration explained to his Committee that applications for funds from the Central Government would be made in very exceptional cases and for specific purposes; Section 5 of the Ordinance seemed especially worded to give effect to this decision. Any contribution by the Government would therefore appear to be to enable the Municipality to inaugurate a special project and not to enable the local authority to rely on the Government for an annual grant to finance its Poor Law Scheme.

AMENDMENT OF LAW
In view of this letter Mr. W. T. Wijekulasuriya today moved a motion, emphatically protesting against the existence of the Public Assistance Committee composed of six members of the public and calling upon the State Council to take steps to amend the law so that the Committee will consist of the whole Council.

He said that at the time that the Council's Poor Law Scheme was started, they were under the impression that the State Council would make a grant for the purpose. It seemed to them that the State Council was empowered to do so by Section 5 of the Ordinance. That impression was confirmed by the fact that another section of the Ordinance empowered a Public Assistance Committee to carry on the scheme. That Committee was composed of six members of the Council and six members of the public appointed by the Governor.

On the motion being seconded by Mr. P. Mahanayake, Mr. W. T. Wijekulasuriya said that he was in sympathy with the mover. It was but right that as they paid the piper they should call the tune. He thought, however, that it would be wiser first to try to get a grant from the Government. His opinion was that the Minister had misinterpreted Section 5 of the Ordinance. He himself did not see anything in it that would prevent a state grant. He would suggest that they go beyond the Minister and get the matter brought up in the State Council, urging on the legislature their own view of the section in question, namely, that at the time the Ordinance was introduced, it seemed to be their intention to give such a grant. In fact that would be the only justification for the decision of the legislature to appoint half the members of the Public Assistance Committee from the public.

FREE CHINA HAS TRADE SURPLUS IN 1940

During 1940, Free China ports registered a favourable balance of trade to the extent of \$79,935,000, imports being \$5,720,000 as against \$137,184,000 in exports. Taking China as a whole, the trade was unfavourable to the amount of \$58,294,000 in 1940. These figures were released by the Chinese Maritime Customs.

Compared with 1939, the 1940 trade of Free China was much larger and so was the surplus of exports over imports which in 1939 was \$28,550,000. In 1939, Free China's imports were \$42,033,000 and exports \$60,583,000.

Among the ports in Free China Mengtsz in Yunnan Province had the largest volume of foreign trade in Free China in 1940. It imported \$21,016,000 worth of goods and exported \$60,290,000. Ningpo was second with \$10,587,000 of imports and \$48,024,000 of exports. Chungking, mainly a transit center for goods, handled only \$4,788,000 worth of imports and \$519,000 of exports during the year.

Taking China as a whole, Shanghai topped all other customs ports with imports of \$758,309,000 and exports of \$1,372,810,000 last year. It handled 37.09 per cent. of China's total imports and 69.47 per cent. of her exports. Tientsin was second by importing \$654,963,000 worth of goods and exporting \$156,022,000 worth of commodities during 1940.

SPECTACULAR INCREASE
China's trade in 1940 registered a spectacular increase from the 1939 total of \$2,373,377,000 to the 1940 new high of \$4,020,436,000. Of the \$4,020,436,000 foreign trade, \$2,044,365,000 were imports and \$1,976,071,000 exports, leaving an unfavourable balance of \$68,294,000.

This represents an improvement over the 1939 deficit which amounted to \$312,859,000.

Despite this increased foreign trade which netted the Chinese Maritime Customs (in terms of Chinese national dollars) \$475,700,000 in 1940 as compared with \$331,300,000 in 1939, Free China was only able to collect 20 per cent of the total receipts, as most of the customs are located in Japanese-occupied territory which renders the utilisation of the major part of this important revenue temporarily impossible.

The United States still held first place in China's exports. A total of \$565,669,000 worth of goods was

sold to America last year as against \$225,873,000 in 1939.

Hongkong took second place by importing \$367,502,000 worth of goods and Great Britain held the third place by importing \$196,798,000 from China during the year under review.

In China's imports, the United States continued to hold second place by selling \$435,436,000 worth of goods to the country. Japan, through the Chinese territory she has penetrated, was able to dump on the Chinese market \$468,289,000 worth of goods in 1940, although she imported only \$126,408,000 from China last year. British India was third in exporting to China \$175,275,000 worth of goods in 1940. (Central News).

Industrial Development Of India

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—After a tribute to the gallantry of Indian troops in Libya, Eritrea and Abyssinia, Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary for India, dealing with India's war effort, said that India was now one of the greatest industrial countries in the world as well as one of the greatest producers of foodstuffs and raw materials.

She was already making her own rifles, machine-guns, field artillery and ammunition, and 80 per cent. of all miscellaneous equipment for her forces. The Indian Army, he said, is being rapidly expanded to a force of 500,000 men, armed, trained, equipped and mechanised on a modern scale, exclusive of troops already serving abroad.



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CHINESE DONATION TO AIR RAID FUND

LONDON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—Forwarding \$64 to the Lord Mayor's Air Raid Distress Fund from members of their Chinese staff in China, a London business firm wrote: "We feel that this proof of sympathy with the British cause is viewed at the other end of the world as a worthwhile dividend on the generous help given by the Lord Mayor's Relief Fund a couple of years ago in China."

ISOLATIONISTS AND LEASE, LEND BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (Reuter).—The well-known isolationist, Senator Burton K. Wheeler, told pressmen yesterday that if the Lease and Lend Bill was passed, its opponents would conduct a coast to coast campaign in an effort to keep the United States out of war.

CONNEXION WITH NORTHERN INDIA

A study of the earliest monuments revealed the fact that in the early periods there was a cultural connexion between Ceylon and Northern India.

This view was expressed by Dr. S. Paranavitana, Archaeological Commissioner, in the course of a talk on "A Glimpse at the Past of Ceylon." The lecture was delivered at the G.P.O. Library, Colombo, recently.

Ceylon art had an affinity with North Indian art. Some of the carved pillars found in the early stupas in this country were similar to the pillars found in Sanchi (North-Western India) said the lecturer.

The monuments of a later period revealed an affinity between Ceylon art and the art of South India.

Major J. P. Appleby, Postmaster-General, presided.

State Aid For Working Poor Law

Does the State Council endorse the opinion of the Minister for Labour regarding the principle governing the grant of assistance by the Government to local bodies in connexion with the Poor Law, as laid down by the Minister in a recent letter to the Mayor of Galle? This point was raised at a meeting of the Municipal Council by Mr. T. W. Roberts in the course of a discussion of a motion by Mr. W. T. Wijekulasuriya, as a result of the letter.

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MONEY AND EXCHANGE

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Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credit 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	425
On Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand	102 1/2
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/8	
and demand	82 1/2
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 24	
Credit, 60 days' sight 34 3/4	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	45
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credit 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand	104
On Manila:—	
On demand	48
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. ... 23 7/16	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Tuesday, Feb. 25
Silver prices rose 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 23 7/16 and 23 3/8 respectively. Silver advances reported the market as being steady and featureless. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1 3/4 Feb. April, buyers at 1 3/16/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers at 24 3/8 for Cash, buyers at 24 1/2 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Sellers were quoted at the opening at 437 and at the close there were sellers at 441.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Opened with sellers at 3 27/64 for Spot. Last advice indicated sellers at 3 25/64 for Spot. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 9/16 for Spot. Last advice indicated sellers at 5 17/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Feb. 25 (Reuter).

	Sellers	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-27/64	0/3-13/32	
Feb.	0/3-27/64	0/3-13/32	
Mar.	0/3-13/32	0/3-25/64	
U. S. Dollars			
Spot	\$5-9/16	\$5-17/32	
Feb.	5-9/16	5-17/32	
Mar.	5-17/32	5-17/32	
Market:—	Quiet		

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.

The Equalisation rate was 24 1/2 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Feb. 24 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Feb. 24 (Reuter).
Silver—Small trade demand with few offers. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was quiet and featureless, with no business.

Spot 23-7/16d.
Forward, 23-3/8d.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 24 (Reuter).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £270-1/2.
Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, £273 3/4.
Speculative profit-taking is finding an unresponsive market, as dealers are waiting for fresh political developments. After hours, trading continued to be reactionary at £279-1/2 and £273-1/2. Turnover 75 tons.

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb. 24 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz, 168/-

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Feb. 24, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.39	10.32	10.34	.04 up
New York Rubber, March	20.85	20.65	20.76	.12 up
Chicago Wheat, May	84 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	2 1/2 up
Chicago Corn, May	63	60 1/2	60 1/2	1 1/2 up
New York Hides, March	13.01	12.62	12.65	.32 up

	Opening	Closing	Change
March	10.30/36	10.35/35	.04 up
May	10.28/28	10.31/31	.06 up
July	10.15/16	10.20/20	.13 up
October	9.77/78	9.82/82	.14 up
December	9.76/76	9.80/80	.13 up
January	9.73 N	9.80 A	.14 up
Spot	10.86		.04 up

Total sales Friday—63,900 bales.

The first notice day for March Cotton is 25/2/41 and last day is 14/3/41.

NEW YORK RUBBER

March	20.76b/78a	21.15 A	20.88b	.12 up
May	20.72/72	20.87b/83a	20.80/80	.08 up
July (New contract)	20.20/20	20.20b/40a	20.30/30	.10 up
September	20.00 N	20.14/14	20.10/12	.10 up

Total sales—540 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May	80 1/2	80 1/2	83 1/2	2 1/2 up
July	75 1/2	75 1/2	79 1/2	3 1/2 up
September	75 1/2		79 1/2	3 1/2 up

Friday's sales—3,806,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May	60 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2	1 1/2 up
July	60 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2	1 1/2 up
September	59 1/2		61 1/2	1 1/2 up

NEW YORK HIDES

March	12.65/65	12.62/63	12.97/13.00	.32 up
June	12.79b/80a	12.79/79	13.16/18	.37 up

Total sales for the day—270 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA

March	5.84/85	5.92/92	6.01 N	.17 up
May	5.93/93	5.98/99	6.13 N	.20 up

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3

March	2.09b/10a		2.13b/14a	.04 up
May	2.15b/18a		2.18b/19a	.03 up

Volume of business done—447 lots.

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4

March	70 1/2b/71a	unquoted	70b/71a	.004 off
May	73 1/2b/74a	75/75	73b/74a	.004 off

Volume of business done—35 lots.

The last notice day for March is 28/2.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

March	11.67b/74a	11.74/80	11.73b/80a	.06 up
July	11.57b/63a	11.50b/65a	11.60b/65a	.03 up
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4		34-3/4	
NY-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/4		4.03-1/2	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Feb. 24.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)	103-1/2
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5%	11
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	42
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/41	40-44
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	24
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	31
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	8-10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	47
Yunnan Rly. 5%	14
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	14
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	12
Lung T'ing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	12
S'hai-N'King Rly. 5%	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	21-24
Ger. 7% Int. Loan, 1924	54
Chartered Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	73
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Peg.)	76
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	17
Chosen Corporation	4/-
Mercantile Bank of India, £5, "G"	11-1/8
Pekin Syndicate	1/8
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co.	15/-

FEDERAL RESERVE RETURNS

New York, Feb. 24 (Reuter).

	Feb. 11	Feb. 18
Total loans \$	9,377,000	\$ 9,423,000
Investments	16,871,000	16,958,000

S'hai Waterworks "A"	13-1/2
Union Insurance	20
Julia Kalumpung Rubber	15 1/2
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	12 1/2
Great Western Rly.	33 1/2
National Bank of India	32 1/2
S.-A. Tob. (bearer)	88 1/2
Dunlop Rubber	32 1/2
Bristol Aeroplane	10 1/8
Imperial Chemical Ind.	30
United Steel	20 1/2
Woolworths	52
Marmans Investments	6 1/2
Western Holdings	9 1/2
Sub-Nigel	143 1/8
Shell Trans. & Trd. (bearer)	40 1/2
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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

FEBRUARY 25, 1941.

STOCKS	Last Sale	Feb. 24	STOCKS	Last Sale	Feb. 24
Adams Express	54		Loew's Inc.	32 1/2	
Allegheny Steel Co.	20 1/2		Loft Incorporated	16 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	28 1/2		Mack Truck Inc.	27	
Aluminium Ltd.	70 1/2		Martin, Glen L.	25	
Amer. Can.	85 1/2		McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	26 1/2	
American Cyanamid B.	33 1/2		Montgomery Ward	36 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign 7 1/2 pt.	15 1/2		Mt. Airy City Copper Co.	3	
Amer. Locomotive	13 1/2		National Aviation	8 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	16 1/2		Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	8 1/2		National Distillers	22	
Amer. Rolling Mill	13		Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2	
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	40 1/2		National Supply Corp.	5 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2		New York Central	12 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	160 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	23 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	58 1/2		N. American Aviation	14	
Amer. Waterworks	5 1/2		North American Co.	15 1/2	
Anacosta Copper	23 1/2		Northern Pacific	6 1/2	
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	23 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	42 1/2	
Aviation Corp.	3 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	26 1/2	
Baldwin Locomotive	15 1/2		Packard Motors	2 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2		Pan-American Airways	12 1/2	
Barber Asphalt Co.	8 1/2		Paramount Pictures	10 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	7 1/2		Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2		Phillips Petroleum	36 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	78 1/2		Public Service of N.J.	25 1/2	
Bills & Co.	15 1/2		Pullman Inc.	24	
Boeing Airplane Co.	15 1/2		Pure Oil	6 1/2	
Borg-Warner	13		Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2	
Briggs Mfg.	21 1/2		Reading Company, Com	13 1/2	
Budd M'facturing Corp.	3 1/2		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	43 1/2	
Canadian Pacific R'way	31		Republic Aviation Corp.	4	
Cash, J.I.	47 1/2		Republic Steel	18 1/2	
Celanese	23		Revere Corp.	83 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	40 1/2		Reynold Tobac. "B"	32 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	65 1/2		Safeway Stores	38 1/2	
Columbia Gas & Elec.	3 1/2		Schenley Distillers	94 1/2	
Commercial Credit Co.	30		Sears Roebuck	72	
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	11 1/2		Shell Union Oil	11 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	21		Socony-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2	
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2		Southern Pacific	8 1/2	
Continental Can.	37 1/2		Southern Rly. 5 1/2 pfd.	22	
Continental Oil	17 1/2		Spicer Manufacturing Co.	31 1/2	
Copperweld Steel	15		Standard Brands	6 1/2	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	8 1/2		Stand Gas & Elec.	1 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	26 1/2		Standard Oil of California	18 1/2	
Deere & Co.	19		Standard Oil of N.J.	34	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	17		Stone & Webster	6 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	70		Studebaker Com.	6 1/2	
Dy. Pont de Nemours	144 1/2		Swift International	17 1/2	
Engle Picher Lead	9		Technicolor	8 1/2	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	31 1/2		Texas Corp.	36	
Elec. Autolite	29 1/2		Texas Gulf Sulphur	35 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	31 1/2		Timken-Axle	29 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pt.	53 1/2		Trans-America Co.	41 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pt.	60 1/2		20th Cent. Fox	6 1/2	
Elec. Power & Light 3 1/2 pt.	29		Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2	
Flintkote	13 1/2		Union Carbide & Carbon	64 1/2	
Gen. American Trans.	50		Union Pacific	78 1/2	
Gen. Electric	32 1/2		United Aircraft	38 1/2	
Gen. Motors	42 1/2		United Airlines Trans.	13	
Gen. Railway Signal	13 1/2		United Corp.	14 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11		United Corp. 3 1/2 cum pt.	25 1/2	
Gillette Co.	12 1/2		United Gas Corp.	11 1/2	
Goodrich (B.F.)	13 1/2		United Gas Improvement	8 1/2	
Goodrich 3 1/2 pt.	60		U.S. Industrial Alcohol	22 1/2	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18 1/2		U.S. Rubber	20	
Great Northern Iron Ore	13 1/2		U.S. Rubber 3 1/2 pfd.	84 1/2	
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	25		U.S. Smelting	57 1/2	
Great Western Sugar	22		U.S. Steel	57 1/2	
Greyhound Corp.	11		Vanadium	23	
Hercules Powder Co.	68 1/2		Valtee Aircraft	6 1/2	
Homestake Mining	46 1/2		Walworth Co.	5	
Int. Nickel	24 1/2		Warner Bros. Pict.	3	
Inter. Paper & Power	12 1/2		Westinghouse Elec.	95 1/2	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	21		Woodward Iron Cor.	28 1/2	
Johnson	58 1/2		Chase National Bank	30 1/2	
Kennecott Copper	33 1/2		National City Bank	25 1/2	
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	36 1/2		Libby, Monell & Libby	—	
Lockheed Aircraft	23 1/2				

DOW JONES AVERAGE

	1940/41	Feb. 21	Feb. 25, 1941	Change
High	152.30	151.84	150.44	1.25 up
Low	111.84	110.40	109.40	.30 up
Industrials	32.67	32.15	31.77	.25 up
Rails	23.46	23.03	22.77	.25 up
Utilities	32.19	32.03	31.80	.12 up
Bonds	64.07	64.47	64.11	1.05 up
Commodity Index	58.59		57.64	1.05 up

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On the remaining nights of the blackout, namely, 27th and 28th instant, all ships loading or unloading cargo, and wharves employed in building ships on behalf of Government, may use a restricted number of lights, but the co-operation of the companies concerned is requested so that the number of lights in use may be reduced to the minimum, and, as far as possible, should be screened. All other ships and wharves not affected by the above will comply with the Black-out Order of 1940.

HARBOUR OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS

A Black can buoy, surmounted by a St. George's Cross will be laid in Hongkong waters in position Lat. 22 deg. 09' 12" N. Long. 114 deg. 07' 48" E. (Approx.) according to a notice to mariners issued by the Harbour Office yesterday. All steam vessels rounding the South of Lamma Island and proceeding either East or West are to pass to the Southward of this buoy.

MINE WARNING

A floating mine near the shore south west of George Island was reported at 4 p.m. on Monday. This is near Luk Chau Wan, Lamma Island.

PASSENGERS

Arrivals In Colony By Pres. Pierce

Arrivals from U.S. and Northern ports yesterday by the s.s. President Pierce were Mr. R. M. Alldayce, Mr. Reg Brown, Mr. W. E. Calk, Mr. R. W. Camp, Miss Margaret Campbell, Mr. S. Church, Miss Gladys E. Colvard, Rev. E. Cunningham, Mr. Malcolm Duncan, Miss Letta Dunn, Mr. James F. Dunwiddie, Miss O. Hughes, Mr. Ralph Kireher, Jr., Rev. Rufus H. LeFevre, Mr. Lee Yut-ming, Rev. Linus Lombard, Mrs. T. M. Miller, Miss Margaret Miller, Miss Rowena Neal, Mr. Harold Poole, Mr. Robert J. Porter, Rev. Tom Yuk-sam, Mr. Wang Chung-min, Mr. T. B. Williams and Mr. J. B. Wood.

"TATUTA MARU"

Passengers sailing from Hongkong by the "Tatuta Maru" for Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Los Angeles yesterday were Mr. Cherandasa Begal, Mrs. M. L. Bouvard and two children, Mr. Chin Oh-so, Mr. M. Hirose, Mr. K. Ishibashi, Mr. F. Jabara, Mr. and Mrs. T. Kakuda, Mr. L. R. Kirpalani, Mr. K. Kojima, Mr. E. Kondo, Mrs. R. S. MacMillan, Mr. S. Khosavanna, Mr. W. L. Lewis, Miss T. T. Lih, Mr. J. Muneriro, Mr. S. Naito, Mr. N. B. Nandwani, Mrs. A. Nishimura and three children, Mr. R. Okuno, Mr. T. Reuter, Mr. Y. Sasahara, Mr. A. Sawamura, Mr. H. Segel, Mrs. T. Shoji, Mr. R. P. Silva, Mr. A. R. Smith, Mr. B. Suzuki, Mr. T. Tanaka and Mr. D. Watanabe.

WAS ANXIOUS TO GO TO SINGAPORE A Forged Immigration Certificate

How a woman bought a forged immigration certificate for admission into the Federal Malay States and was sent back to the Colony upon being discovered was related before Mr. H. C. Macnamara yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Accused was FAN LIU, 40, charged with uttering a forged certificate, purporting to be the certificate for entry into the Federal Malay States, and possession of 18 of the same and possession of a forged seal, purporting to be the seal of the Assistant Immigration Officer.

Inspector G. W. Moreton, of the S.C.A. said that a woman, Yeung Yin, was anxious to go to Singapore and told defendant that she was in need of a certificate.

On Jan. 2, defendant informed Yeung that he could obtain a certificate for her and took her out to have photographs taken.

When the photographs were ready defendant asked Yeung to pay him \$7.50 deposit for the certificate, and on Jan. 8 Yeung again paid accused \$30 for the certificate.

BOOKED PASSAGE

Three days later defendant took Yeung to the Tai Loi boarding house where he booked a passage to Singapore for her. Yeung, obtaining the ticket and the certificate, paid defendant a further \$90 and left for Singapore.

On arrival there on Jan. 17 the certificate was found out to be a forgery and Yeung was sent back to the Colony.

She then took the Police to No. 147, Nam Cheong Street where they found defendant and 18 forged certificates and a forged seal. Police also visited No. 32, Swatow Lane where 12 incomplete certificates and a number of loose leaves were found.

Mr. T. Huggins, Assistant Immigration Officer, Singapore, who came to the Colony to give evidence, said that the certificate was a forgery.

Defendant was committed to the Criminal Sessions.

COLONY HEALTH BULLETIN

The following is the return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the week ended at midnight on Feb. 22:—Cholera, four cases (one death); Diphtheria, three cases; Enteric Fever, nine cases (two deaths); Measles, 14 cases; (5 deaths); Chicken-Pox, 4 cases; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, three cases (one death); Dysentery, 34 cases (six deaths); Tuberculosis, 200 cases (133 deaths and one imported case).

The returns for the 72 hours ended at midnight on Feb. 24 are as follows:—Cholera, four cases; Diphtheria, four cases; Scarlet Fever, one case (imported); Enteric Fever, five cases; Measles, six cases; Chicken-Pox, one case; Dysentery, 14 cases; Tuberculosis, 64 cases.

A shroff formerly employed by Messrs. Dodwell and Company, appointed a director on the re-Sze Toi, alias Sze To Sing-ken, who is wanted for alleged fraudulent conversion of the firm's money, was arrested by a party of and seconded by Mr. H. Gittins, Police, under Det.-Sgt. A. F. Cooch. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Mat-rane, at an address in Wanchai yesterday morning.

Hongkong Tramways

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Mr. Paterson then proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts as read.

PROPOSAL SECONDED

Seconding the Chairman's proposal, Mr. T. N. Chau said that in rising to second the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, he would congratulate the Directors, the general manager and the staff on the exceedingly good results of the past year.

"What the Chairman has told us concerning the Hongkong Government's very substantial share in the fortunes of the Company is of particular interest," Mr. Chau continued. "Although the shareholders are deriving benefit to the extent of \$975,000 from the year's working, the Government is benefitting by no less a sum than \$510,000—due chiefly to the new high rate of royalty we now have to pay. The fact that this very heavy increase in royalty and taxator liability has been met without reduction of dividends is a splendid achievement."

Mr. Chau concluded by proposing an increase in the Directors' remuneration, saying that on enquiry he had found that the fees paid in such remuneration since the time of incorporation of the Company, in spite of the progressive development of the Company shown in the rise from 19 million passengers carried in 1922 to 74 million last year, has remained unchanged.

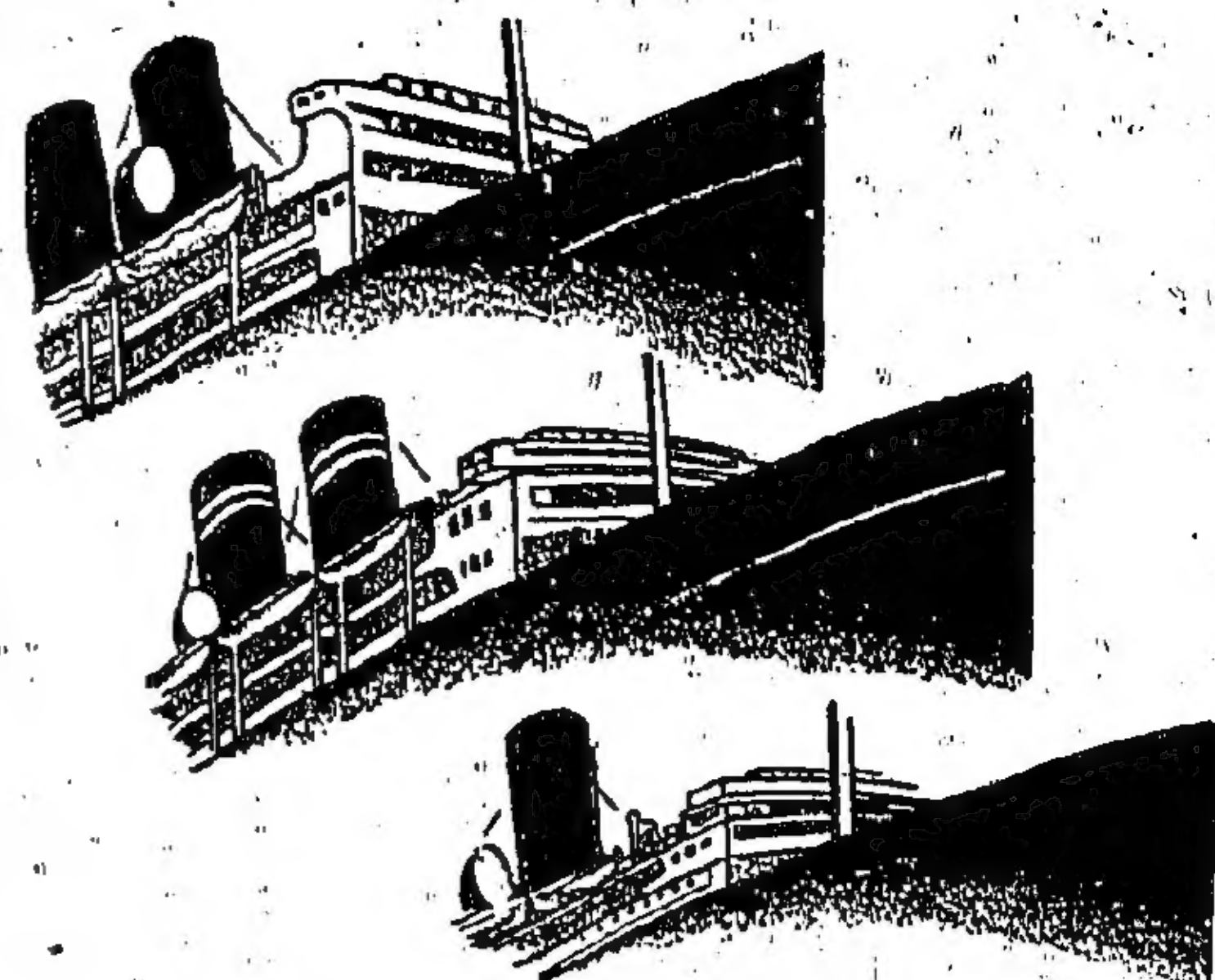
Mr. H. S. Hills spoke a few words in support of Mr. Chau's proposal, upon which the Chairman replied by thanking Mr. Chau and Mr. Hills for having put forward the proposal and said that it would be taken up at the next Board Meeting.

THOSE PRESENT

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, in the Chair, was supported by Mr. A. H. Compton, Hon. Mr. T. E. Pearce, Hon. Mr. S. Shouson Chow, Kt., and Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Directors, and Mr. W. F. Simmons, Secretary.

Shareholders present were Mr. T. N. Chau, Mr. H. S. Hills, Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. D. V. Stevenson, Mr. F. L. Stapleton, Mr. James Seto, Mr. H. Gittins, Mr. M. H. Lo, Mr. D. Hung, Mr. Cho Leng-chou, Mr. H. L. Lee and Mr. John Fleming.

Proposed by Mr. B. Wong Tape and seconded by Mr. F. L. Stapleton, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson and Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, retiring Directors, were re-elected to the Board, and the election of Mr. L. J. Davies, and the election of Mr. L. J. Davies, Messrs. Dodwell and Company, appointed a director on the re-Sze Toi, alias Sze To Sing-ken, who is wanted for alleged fraudulent conversion of the firm's money, was arrested by a party of and seconded by Mr. H. Gittins, Police, under Det.-Sgt. A. F. Cooch. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Mat-rane, at an address in Wanchai yesterday morning.



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INDIAN POLICE RESERVIST IS COMMENDED BY MR. JUSTICE WILLIAMS

Water Police Seaman Sent To Prison For Robbery

The part played by SGT. CHANNAN SINGH, (R214), of the Indian Police Reserve Company, in the arrest of four men was praised by Mr. Justice Williams, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when Ho Sui-wah, 23, Water Police seaman W77, who, together with Lam Fook, 30, unemployed seaman, Tsang Wink-pan, 34, unemployed boatman, Wong Wai-pang, 36, unemployed earth cooler, and Lau Tim, 36, unemployed odd job cooler, were charged with robbing Chan Kai and Ho Yul of \$146.50 at No. 359 Lockhart Road on Jan. 4.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Insps. W. N. Darkin, appeared for the prosecution, while the jury comprised of Messrs. Wong Si-woon (Foreman), M. V. Neves, A. J. Rapis, Yu Chuen-lok, Wong Yin-hang, A. Spoor and W. Fleming.

Mr. Reynolds said that about 10.30 p.m. on Jan. 4, Wong Hing, principal tenant of No. 359, Lockhart Road, first floor, went to the door in answer to a knock and a male voice said he was coming to search for arms. The man pushed his way in and was followed by several others, one of whom produced a revolver.

The tenants were put into a cubicle and some of them were tied with wire. The rear cubicle, occupied by Chan and Ho, were entered by two men who bound the inmates and took the money away. At this time something disturbed the robbers' who ran away.

HEARD CRIES

Before this, Sgt. Channan Singh, who lived on the opposite side, No. 356, was in the verandah when he heard the cries of a woman, and on looking over saw a man catenning a woman by the throat. He took a revolver and police whistle and ran down the street where he saw some men fleeing. He gave

POLICE REPORTS

Dr. N. C. Macleod, of No. 402, The Peak, has reported to the Police of the theft of a circular mirror from a case on Monday.

Fr. Malone, of Maryknoll Mission, Stanley, informed the Police that 700 bricks were stolen from a building in the Mission compound on Monday.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 82 and the minimum 59. Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 9.82 inches against an average of 2.79. The Royal Observatory report states:—

A moderate anti-cyclone covers China, Korea, Japan and the neighbouring seas. Pressure is relatively low over Tongking.

COLONY HOCKEY TEAM BEATEN

In a friendly hockey match played at King's Park yesterday The British Army XI beat the Interport hockey probabilities by three goals to one. The scorers were: G. Singh (for Interport team), Hitchcock (2) and Sgt. Shaw for Army.

RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN

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per cent Chinese. Should any disturbance break out, the Chinese community would suffer most.

2. To help in keeping and maintaining peace, and good order in the Colony is the duty of every good citizen. The Chinese, being the largest section of the community, should take the largest share or part in performing this duty, as it really means the protection of their own hearth and home and their business and properties.

I would also like to add my appeal to heads of all business firms, both European and Chinese. Many Chinese are employed in your firms as clerks. Please encourage them to join up and give them every facility for training. As time is pressing, training must commence as soon as they join the Force. Generally these duties, do not interfere much with office work except when an emergency actually occurs. In that case, of course, even office work may have to be suspended.

I earnestly hope that heads of firms will give our Force this most valuable help. With these few remarks, I bid you all good-night.

After evidence was called by the Crown, first accused testified that he was asked by second accused to go to No. 349, Lockhart Road, which the latter alleged was kept for "tse-fa" lottery by Chan and Ho.

The other accused also denied taking part in the robbery. All made allegations that they were beaten by the Police and forced to admit the robbery, and Lam Fook alleged that he was beaten with "a thick piece of rubber stick."

After a retirement of 10 minutes a unanimous verdict of guilty was returned by the jury against all accused, with a recommendation that heavier sentences be imposed on first and second accused.

MORE SERIOUS

Stating that he regarded his case as more serious as he was a member of the Water Police, his Lordship sentenced first accused to two years with 15 strokes of the cane. With regard to the others, his Lordship said that, in his view, he saw no reason to differentiate between second, third, fourth and fifth accused as they were all members of the same gang. They were each sentenced to 18 months, the third and fourth to receive 10 strokes of the cane each and the fifth eight strokes.

In thanking Sgt. Channan Singh, Mr. Justice Williams said that it was due to his action that all five men appeared in Court and praised his good behaviour throughout. His Lordship directed that his action be brought to the notice of the proper authorities.

BRITAIN SPEAKS:

WHY CO-OPERATION WITH THE NAZI SYSTEM IS IMPOSSIBLE: NOTHING IN COMMON

"If you are in search of the sensational, it was rather disappointing—but if you are in search of the comfortable life, it was comforting," said MR. J. B. PRIESTLEY, the well-known author, when he described a recent visit made by him to Dover. In connexion with which many articles had recently been written from the point of view of the possibility of an invasion of Britain.

Mr. Priestley declared attempts made by writers to attribute some form of cowardry to Herr Hitler, and his Nazis when speaking of invasion and with trying to show them as possessing new spells of power.

It was high time, he said, that writers produce some articles about what had been prepared for the invaders at Dover to make it clear that many young men from Germany would be drowned in the cold ocean or rot in the chalk pits of Dover to satisfy the vanity of the little man who would not be with them when they tried to come over.

NOT QUITE THE SAME

Mr. Priestley declared that Dover presented very much the same appearance as before. Women were doing their shopping, elderly men were smoking their pipes, office boys were chatting at street corners and numerous posters on behalf of the Hippodrome announced the return of old and new favourites.

And yet it was not quite the same old Dover. The Cross-Channel steamers were absent for one thing. In the good humoured old wars of the past, these would still have carried on in spite of war. It was Napoleon, who began to widen the gulf between nations at war and the Nazis had carried this to an extreme that even Napoleon would have regarded as barbaric.

Mr. Priestley dealt with the arguments of those who asked for co-operation with the Germans and declared that it just could not be done. Even the most ele-

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HELD

New officials were elected at the annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Church held last evening, with the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, Acting Vicar, in the chair.

Reporting on the work of the Church for the past year, Mr. Wittenbach said: "There have been 2,635 individual acts of communion. There have been 27 baptisms, 32 were confirmed, and there were 28 marriages solemnised and eight funerals."

Miss N. Elliot, of the Churches Social Centre, said that the Centre has, for the past year, done remarkable work for the refugee camps.

Mr. Ralph Dormer, Hon. Treasurer of the Church, said that the balance sheet showed that the income of 1940 was \$21,097.42 and the expenditure \$21,085.94 which indicated a favourable balance of \$11.51. The budget, which was passed by the meeting, showed a grand total of \$21,971.00.

NEW COUNCIL

New officers elected for the coming year were:—Representatives to the Board of Trustees of the Church of England: A. C. Jeffreys & Dr. R. H. Uttley; Church Council: A. H. Dibb, R. Dormer, Miss E. Gibbins, G. S. P. Heywood, A. C. Jeffreys, Dr. G. G. Kirkby-Gomes, C. Matthews, J. V. Ramsay, Miss W. Robinson, E. W. Sharp, E. C. Thomas, Dr. K. H. Uttley, G. Phelps-Gardiner, T. J. Gould and D. Joyce. Representatives to the Diocesan Conference: A. H. Dibb, Miss E. Gibbins, Dr. G. G. Kirkby-Gomes, J. V. Ramsay, Miss W. Robinson, E. W. Sharp, E. C. Thomas, Dr. K. H. Uttley, G. Phelps-Gardiner and T. J. Gould; Church Wardens: A. C. Jeffreys (Vicar's) and G. S. P. Heywood (People's).

Mrs. M. Bird was also chosen as representative to the Social Centre of the Churches, while T. A. Martin and Co were re-elected Hon. Auditor.

CHESS RESULTS

Results in the Colony Chess Championship last night were:—K. Weiss beat G. S. Coxhead, and E. Zimmerman beat D. E. de Carvalho. In the Junior Championship, W. Lee beat V. V. Kolatchoff, and J. Tauss beat E. M. Petrova.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1941, 9.30 A.M.

The General Post Office will be closed at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th, February 1941.

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Calcutta and Straits	1st Mar.
United-Kingdom and Straits	2nd Mar.
Australia and Manila	3rd Mar.
Java and Manila	3rd Mar.
Australia and Manila	3rd Mar.
U.S.A. and Manila—(San Francisco date, 8th Feb.)	5th Mar.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 28th February.	7th Mar.
United-Kingdom and Straits	7th Mar.
U. S. A. and Honolulu (San Francisco date 21st February)	11th Mar.
Sandakan	12th Mar.
Sandakan	15th Mar.

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FRIDAY	Fri. 28th
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